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MRS. CARRIE REEF,

Past Grand Matron of Colorado.

Mrs. Carrie Reef was born in Carthage, Ill., in 1859. When twelve years of age, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Freeman, removed to Colorado Springs, where Miss Carrie attended school and grew into womanhood. In 1880 she was married to Mr. Joseph I. Reef of Leadville and has resided there since that event. Four children were born to them, of these only two are living.

Mr. Reef, who is a Knights Templar, has always encouraged his wife in taking a lively interest in Eastern Star matters. Mrs. Reef was Worthy Matron of her home Chapter, Colorado No. 2, for three terms—1885, 1886, 1889, and has stood by her Chapter, when, in the early days of Leadville, adversity had to be battled with.

When the Grand Chapter of Colorado was organized June 8, 1892 Mrs. Reef was unanimously elected Worthy Grand Matron, and in 1893, she was re-elected without opposition. Her thorough knowledge of Eastern Star law and her kind thoughtfulness of others, have endeared her to all members of the Order in Colorado.

Mrs. Reef was thirty-two years of age when elected Grand Matron, undoubtedly one of the youngest Grand Matrons in the United States.

Let us be careful to retain our friends, for once lost, they may never be regained.

ALICE'S MARMALADE.

The warm, pleasant sunshine of this June day made even the prosaic street of the city poetic, and charmed out-of-doors the most persistent stay-at-home.

Alice Eaton was busily at work in the back

basement, singing gayly, with no longings for the outdoor beauties. This was not because she did not have a strong love of nature, but because she had a stronger love for home and its circle. She was a slight girl of twenty, with no beauty to recommend her to the

notice of a stranger, except a voice tuned to the key of love, that would hold the attention, but the commonplace appearance of the owner would dispel any romantic ideals aroused by the winning tones. Nothing in Alice Eaton suggested the heroine, but she was one.

Her first recollections of a home were of a lovely stone house standing in a park of beautiful trees and lawns, dainty and elegant surroundings, well-trained servants, horses and carriages, and all that goes to make life charming, when to it are added culture and refinement and a deep affection based on the highest Christian and moral principles. No change came until her eighteenth year. She scarcely knew there was such a thing as money, or that lives were limited and burdened for want of it.

In one week came a complete change; her father was ruined by the dishonesty of trusted employees; her home was given up, and a few weeks found the family, consisting of the father, mother, two brothers and a sister younger than Alice, settled in a cottage in a small village miles away from their former home. The family were dependent on a small income derived from the remnant of the mother's fortune. This was but a fraction of the amount to which they were accustomed.



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In a short time another change was made to a less desirable location in a city where the boys would find employment and Alice might be able to get small pupils. The boys were successful, but Alice found the market overstocked with young girls anxious to teach small children, and she soon discovered that a knowledge of the kindergarten system was an absolute necessity to obtain pupils. This she did not have, and had no means of acquiring. She became almost discouraged with the struggle.

Her mother, never very strong, gave evidence of breaking down under the strain imposed upon her by the limited means of the family and the effect of their misfortune on her husband's mind. He had no peace, because he blamed himself for his misfortune, saying over and over to his wife, "Margaret, if I had been trained to my business in life as you were to yours, this never would have come. It was due to ignorance." No love, no argument, could change this feeling, which deepened the cloud that shadowed the home.

Alice had been trained by her mother to a knowledge of all departments of household work. She had rebelled against this, as none of her school friends were required to do any household work. Many times these imposed duties had interfered with her girlish pleasures, and she felt even now that her time might have been better employed.

One day she came in from a call with both cheeks shining, her breath coming and going quickly, and a large brown paper parcel in her hand.

"Why, Alice, what is the matter? What have you got?"

"The key to unlock the gold mine, mamma!"

"What do you mean, child?"

"I went out, you know, to get away from myself and my wicked thoughts. As I passed along the street I decided to call on Nelly White. She was not at home, but Mrs. White insisted on my going upstairs. I found her almost buried under a pile of sewing, and worrying because she was not able to send some delicacy to Mr. Hatfield, who, you know, is quite ill at his boarding-house. Mamma, I thought of my marmalade, and said: 'Mrs. White, I'll make some marmalade if you will furnish the materials'. She looked perfectly delighted. And here I am, ready for work."

"It was very kind to offer, Alice; but I fail to see why you are so excited."

"Why, you precious, stupid mammy, I mean this to be the first step to my business life. When I take the marmalade to Mrs. White, I shall tell her that, if she is suited, I would be very grateful if she would recommend me to her friends. You know I can do all kinds of preserves and pickles, and my canned fruit cannot be beaten, and as for cake, it's literally angels' food," and Alice flung both arms around her mother's neck.

"My child, not a cook!"

"Why not, dearest? Surely, mamma, any-

thing is better than this horrible struggle. I am really shabby; Helen will soon be kept from school, unless she can have new shoes; and, mamma, I know that you have been forced to stay in for other reasons than because you were tired. I am not blind mamma, dear," and a tremble crept into the loving voice. As if to hide it, Alice jumped up, and began tossing the oranges from hand to hand.

"You see, Mammy," she said, "I shall really make these gold, and by the same magic make apples silver, and you shall ride in your coach."

"My brave, true girlie! Come, dear, I'll help." In a little time the marmalade was ready, and proved to be delicious. Mrs. White was delighted at Alice's success, though greatly surprised at her request that she should recommend her to her friends as one capable of making all kinds of preserves, jellies, pickles, canned fruits, and cake.

The first orders came in on note paper, and her patrons tried to ignore the fact of having money transactions with her when they met her. But Alice had too much pride to allow this attitude, and surprised her friends by the cool, dignified way in which she referred to her business. In a little while she gave her friends her business cards, on which were a list of her prices, with the request that they circulate them and recommend her work.

Orders began to come in, and she realized a little of the success of which she had been dreaming. It still requires close economy to live within the income of the family from all sources. Alice knows that her success depends on doing her work in the very best manner, and at fair prices. She does not allow the generosity of her friends to assert itself by paying her more than her work is worth. By this method she keeps their respect as well as her own. Her home duties are such that she could not give all her time to any outside work. This that she has undertaken gives time and opportunity to be all that her home duties demand. Is it easy? No. Many times she stands flushed and tired over the stove when her heart cries out after fresh air and sunshine. But one look at the changed faces of her father and mother, and the consciousness of how much she has lightened their burdens, reconciles her to the petty trial her work involves in comparison with its compensation.—Outlook.

MASONIC TEMPLES.

Masonic Temples are building all over the country, and our exchanges are full of notices of them. Boston is preparing to erect a new and grander Temple than that recently destroyed by fire; but not on the same site. The design is said to be magnificent in proportions and architectural beauty.

Milwaukee, Wis., has just dedicated the first building ever erected by Masons in that city; belonging to Ivanhoe Commandry, No.

24, one of the youngest in the state. It is designed like a castle, and has a maze of beautiful parlors, drill rooms, banquet hall, finely equipped stage, and complete Masonic scenery, with a \$2,500 organ. The entire cost is over \$40,000. Chas. D. Rogers is Eminent Commander.

Wisconsin Commandry, No. 1, of the same city, is building a magnificent six-story edifice, to be completed about May 1, and will compare favorably with any in the country. The design embraces accommodations for the Blue Lodges, Chapter, Council, Commandry and Scottish Rite Bodies, also for the Eastern Star, and Tripoli Temple, Mystic Shrine. This is a very wealthy Commandry, and the oldest in the state, so no pains or expense will be spared to make it a grand ornament to the city and a superb monument to the Craft.

Logansport, Ind., is completing a new Hall to cost some \$75,000, with a plan providing for all the Bodies and a hall and banquet room to seat about one thousand, five hundred people.

Boulder, Colo., has just dedicated an elegant and commodious Temple, with impressive ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, in the presence of delegations from all parts of the west.

On March 19, the new Masonic Temple at Salt Lake, was also dedicated with most magnificent details and imposing procession of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandry, followed by an elaborate banquet. At a public reception in the evening, the rooms were richly decorated and crowded with admiring visitors.

At Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22, Grand Master Preston laid the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple, which is to be the most superb and stately in that Jurisdiction. With these brethren money is no object or obstacle, if they want anything they get it regardless of expense, whether it be a car load a day of fruit and wine at the Triennial Conclave, or a new Masonic Hall. At the banquet which followed, the Grand Master in response to a toast said: "Masonry is religion without creed, faith without heresy, and devotion to home and country."

The Masonic Tidings beautifully says: "Where ever our Masonic brethren are erecting buildings of their own, for their own purpose, the community can rest assured that there men dwell who are the foremost in all good words, in all charitable efforts, in everything that is for the betterment of the whole human race. In these Temples are held no meetings contrary to law and order, no plots or schemes are fostered and nothing transacted but what is for the good and welfare of mankind. Within those walls no acts of treason, no cause for war or revolution are born, but a noble body of men, whose mission is to foster the spirit of peace and contentment and to teach all to be loyal, true and just."—The Kansas Freemason.

IN MEMORIAM.

TO THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF OAK LEAF CHAPTER NO. 8, O. E. S.: Your Committee, to whom was assigned the task of drafting suitable resolutions on the death of sister Isabelle Goff, submit the following memorial:—

Truly, "in the midst of life we are in death." The sudden passing of our dear sister from her affectionate family, devoted friends and our companionship, speaks in solemn words of our mortality.

Hardly had set the cement which united the Golden Chain, when it was severed by that unseen hand and we are left to mourn her absence.

WHEREAS, The inexorable angel of death has summoned from among us Sister Goff, an officer and highly respected member of this Chapter; a loving wife and a tender and devoted mother.

RESOLVED, That in the death of this dear sister we realize that "it is not all of life to live," and that "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

RESOLVED, That we will hold in affectionate remembrance the virtues of this gentle friend and sister, and that while we may not be able to lift the cloud or lighten the burden for the husband she has left sorrowful, yet we extend to him our earnest sympathy, and assure him of our faith that, "beyond the valley of the shadow of death" there is reunion that knows neither sorrow nor pain.

RESOLVED, That this expression of fraternal sentiments be spread upon our records and a copy of it sent to family of our departed sister.

MRS. NORRIS,
MRS. JANE S. PATTERSON, } Com.
H. D. ROWE.

Oakland, Cal., April 9, '96.

At the three hundred and ninety-eighth regular meeting of Floral Chapter No. 28, Order of the Eastern Star, held on the evening of April 11, at its rooms in Carnegie Music Hall, the following resolutions were read, unanimously adopted and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

TO THE WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF FLORAL CHAPTER NO. 28, O. E. S.:—The grim messenger of death has again visited us and removed from our midst a friend and brother, one who had endeared himself to all by his many acts of kindness and thoughtful consideration.

Brother John Van Buren Green, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, State of New York, and Past Patron of Floral Chapter No. 28, Order of the Eastern Star, departed this life on March 17, 1896, after a short but painful illness, and his mortal remains were laid to rest in Cypress Hill Cemetery.

Masonic services were held by the brethren of Evangelist Lodge No. 600, F. & A. M., in which Lodge our brother was initiated in 1867, and was the Worshipful Master in 1885 and '86.

Eastern Star services were also held by the Grand Chapter, vacancies on the Grand Staff

being filled by Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Floral Chapter No. 28.

Our departed brother has been honored in various branches of the Masonic Institution, having been Past High Priest of Mt. Zion Chapter No. 231, R. A. M.; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Union Council No. 2, R. and S. M.; Past Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36, K. T.; was a member of the Masonic Veterans, of the Association of Anointed High Priest, and also of Mecca Temple, A. O. N. M. S.

In none of the branches of the Masonic Institution was he more active or zealous than in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Green was initiated in Floral Chapter on April 12, 1890; was Worthy Patron in 1892, and Trustee in 1893; was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter for 1893-94, elected R. W. Associate Grand Patron for 1894-95, and Most Worthy Grand Patron for 1895-96, which office was held by him when called away to the Grand Chapter above.

In every position he showed marked ability. He was a wise counsellor, giving good advice to many for their guidance, always seeking to avoid giving offense or causing the slightest irritation to the feelings of even the humblest member.

He was a firm and steadfast friend, always looking for the good traits of his associates, and throwing the broad mantle of Masonic Charity over the errors and shortcomings of others.

In his daily walks of life he tried to exemplify the teachings he had received in the different branches of Masonry into which he had been introduced.

He was a kind, generous, considerate and zealous brother, ever ready to respond to a summons to do his duty, sparing no time or expense to advance the interests of the Order of the Eastern Star, both collectively and individually.

He has left behind him an example for us to pattern after, and, while we mourn his sudden demise, we recognize the hand of the Grand Patron on High and bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

WHEREAS, Our Grand Patron on High in His infinite wisdom having removed from us our brother, John Van Buren Green, be it

RESOLVED, That in his death Floral Chapter has lost a zealous and useful member, one whose place will not be easily filled; an intelligent, earnest and true man and brother.

RESOLVED, That we recall with gratitude his fidelity as a Mason, his zeal for Masonry and for the tenets of the Order of the Eastern Star; his amiability and strict integrity; his noble mind; his charitable and loving disposition.

RESOLVED, That the sisters and brothers of Floral Chapter unite with the Grand Chapter in draping the altar and jewels for the period of ninety days; also that a memorial page be set apart to the memory of our departed brother, and that this memorial and resolutions be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies thereof be sent to

"The New York Dispatch" and THE EASTERN STAR, of Indianapolis, for publication.

Submitted with profound feelings of fraternal and sisterly sympathy and condolence.

LOUISE MILLER, Worthy Matron,
GEO. F. NEWTON, Worthy Patron.
S. M. FUNK, D. M. BUTTRICK, CECILIA WILEY,
H. M. HOUGH, E. F. ROSTON, Past Matrons.
B. W. HOUGH, S. W. WILEY, ALEX. McGRATH, Past Patrons.
New York, N. Y.

Mississinewa Chapter, Marion, Ind., has been called upon to part with its first Worthy Matron, and in memory the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, On May 17, it pleased Almighty God, the supreme ruler of the universe, to remove from our midst—Sister Anna Gunder, we bow in silent and mournful submission to her taking off. In her life she was a true and faithful sister, exemplifying all the commendable virtues which are the tenets of our Order, thereby endearing herself to our Fraternity, and to the community wherein she sought in a broad and liberal way to bestow Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. Her mind was by nature pure, and inspired by the highest and loftiest ideals which mortals seek to attain.

RESOLVED, That we emulate the patience and fortitude shown by our sister through her months of intense suffering.

RESOLVED, That we as a Chapter extend to her bereaved husband, brother, sisters and friends our deepest sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Charter be draped for thirty days; that a page in the records of this Chapter be set apart for the memorial, and that these resolutions be inscribed thereon as a tribute of respect to the memory of our departed sister; that a copy be sent to the family.

JOHN J. KYLE,
LOUISA FORTNEY,
MARY E. DININS,
Committee.

There is no time when the dread messenger is a welcome guest, but there are times when his coming seems especially sad, and so it seems in the case of Harry Ainsley Darby, the husband of our Sister Irene Snedden Darby.

He had just entered upon the threshold of a useful, happy life. So briefly is the story told that it almost seems like a dream. A young couple for whom life holds the promise of years of wedded life,—from the Church where they were plighted they journey to that southern City where the young husband and wife visit his childhood's home; a few days of pleasure and their faces are turned homeward. Illness sizes him ere they reach their home—a few days of intense suffering for him, and then he journeys on alone across the river from whence no traveler returns. Just three weeks from the day that a happy bridal party journeys southward, the same trip is made, and in the southern home amid thousands of roses he was laid to rest.

A friend and classmate pays him this tribute:

For four years it was my privilege and pleasure to be intimately associated with Harry A. Darby as a classmate in College, and in his

behalf I can say this: As a friend, he was true as triple steel; as a member of the Class of '92, he stood always with the first; as a member of the S. A. E. Fraternity, he stood without a peer. Loyal, true, generous to a fault, brilliant in address, gentle and refined in feelings and manners; the "Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity" has lost in his death, one of her most beloved and promising brothers; the A. & M. College of Mississippi, of which he was a distinguished Alumni, a zealous advocate, the Class of '92 an honest and illustrious member; the widowed mother, a son, ever gentle, loving, obedient and devoted; and the young wife a loving companion, whose loss she alone can justly appreciate.

St. Louis, Missouri.

MISSOURI NEWS.

Venus Chapter draped its Charter with the insignia of sorrow at its second meeting in April, in memory of one who was with us in the full vigor of early manhood at our meeting of April 9.

Life is but a narrow vale between two extremities. Beyond origin and destiny human knowledge cannot positively penetrate. A second time Venus was called upon to extend the "sympathy of human love" to our widowed bride. The last number of THE EASTERN STAR gave the facts—Irene Snedden Darby has the love of mother and father to sustain her through this new sorrow. We hope that a silver lining may soon appear.

Joy and sorrow is strangely intermingled in our lives.—At our last meeting we were honored by visits of sisters and brothers from all the city Chapters. Four candidates were initiated. Our officers are quite efficient. The Patron and Conductress called forth commendatory words from the visitors. Cake and cream was in evidence, and the verdict was they would come again.

May 22, a sixth Chapter will be added with Past Grand Matron, Mary E. Lynds, Grand District Deputy, as Grand Matron, and Cora B. McPherson, Past Grand Matron, as Grand Marshal, and the resident Grand Officers in their respective stations. The other chairs will be filled by Past Matrons of the city Chapters. The work of organizing Chapters throughout the State continues. The fourth Tuesday in August our Grand Chapter will convene at Kansas City.

Last Sunday was a perfect May-day, and many of the Fraternity attended services at the Masonic Home conducted by Brother Vincil, first Grand Patron of Missouri. The lone building on the beautiful grounds set apart seven years ago, is surrounded by many cottages and a Chapel. The children appear bright and happy. I was much pleased with an inclosure for individual garden plots cultivated by the children. At the next writing I will tell you of a steamboat trip on the Mississippi river June 22, for the pleasure of the "Home" family.

Resolutions on the death of Brother Felix

T. Brown of Venus Chapter, St. Louis.

TO THE WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF VENUS CHAPTER, No. 153, O. E. S.:

Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions to the memory of our deceased Brother Felix T. Brown, who departed from this life April 20, 1896, submit the following:

When God the Supreme Patron of the Universe, calls from our Star one of its brightest rays of light, it is meet that we should bear testimony of its character.

Truly did Brother Brown's life represent the broken column. Cut off in the morning of life with his work unfinished, his sad and sudden call reminds us of the words of our Lord, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

RESOLVED, That in his death, a life was closed marked with a combination of noble qualities. Cheerful in disposition, sympathetic in nature, faithful in friendship. Though not long of our number, our circle will miss this noble link, and its influence will ever be cherished with love.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and that we offer his family sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and pray that God may bless them with His message, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

MRS. ALVINA EMERSON,
MRS. MILEE BALDWIN,
MISS JENNIE RUEBSAMEN. } Com.

HARRIET P. REBER, G. Treas.

St. Louis, May 18, 1896.

GRAND CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 30 marked the organization of the Grand Chapter in Washington, D. C.

There are six Chapters in the Jurisdiction, with a membership of one thousand. Representatives from the six Chapters met at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and were presided over by Elmira Foley, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter.

The following officers were elected and installed:

Sister Alcena Lamond, Grand Matron.
L. Caleb Williamson, Grand Patron.
Sister M. E. Espey, Associate Grand Matron.

C. W. Okey, Associate Grand Patron.

W. E. Nalley, Grand Secretary.

Harriet Tarker Grand Treasurer.

Many visitors were present from sister Jurisdictions, notably New York, Indiana and Maryland, whose congratulations and good wishes, happily and forcibly expressed, were listened to with great interest. After the Grand Chapter closed, the officers, accompanied by their visitors and a large number of members, repaired to the banquet room and partook of refreshments.

"Put yourself in his place" is good advice at all times.

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ville's officers, she performed the same pleasant service for Brodhead chapter.

On Friday Mar. 13, Bro. Randle W. P. of Waukesha Chapter with his efficient corps of officers organized Aurora Chapter at Menomonee Falls.

Since Grand Chapter in Feb. dispensations have been granted for the formation of Chapter at Prescott, Grand Rapids, Trempealeau, Mondovi, and Monroe.

In April, Sister Phillips, constituted the Chapters at Cassville and Bloomington and her program for May has included Mt. Horet May 8, Mazomanie, May 9, Watertown, May 11, Columbus, May 12, Waterloo, May 13, Hartland, May 14, Oconomowoc, May 15, Vega Chapter Milwaukee, May 16, and Electa Milwaukee May 17. These two new Chapters in our metropolis seem to have had no ill effect upon Milwaukee Chapter number two, which is still the banner Chapter as regards membership and continues prosperous and harmonious. Very successful dancing parties have been given this winter by number two and by Electa Chapter as well as by Waukesha, Racine and Baraboo. We take great pride in the growth and prosperity of the Order throughout the state and trust e'er another year rolls around to have passed the "hundred mark" in the number of our Chapters.

MARTHA D. ROSS, P. G. M.

INDIANA.

Newberry Chapter was Constituted May 12. Lillie T. Hammond, P. M. of Petersburg Chapter, served as D. G. P. She was assisted by Pheobe Link, P. M. of Petersburg Chapter, as G. Mar. Refreshments were served, and the Chapter starts out under Charter with excellent prospects.

First-Class Steamboat Service between Detroit and Cleveland, and Cleveland, Put-in-Bay and Toledo.

D. & C. Floating Palaces are now running daily between Detroit and Cleveland, and on May 1 will commence to run daily between Cleveland, Put-in-Bay and Toledo. If you are traveling between the above points, take advantage of a water trip and save money.

Spend your vacation on the Great Lakes. Send for illustrated pamphlet. Address A. A. SCHANTZ, G. P. A., Detroit, Mich.

Courtesy is something which everyone should bring into his daily life. It should be used in all dealings between man and man, whether of business or social nature. It will smooth over rough places, allay angry feelings, and make a pleasant atmosphere surround the place where it is exhibited. Uniform courtesy to all is one of the most distinctive marks of a gentleman.

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Several Chapters are arranging to celebrate June 24 with the Masonic Fraternity, and preparations are being made for speakers for both.

Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscription has expired and their renewal is earnestly solicited.

Sister Melissa Blodgett, Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter, who has been seriously ill is convalescing, and we trust will soon be able to take her place among us.

On June 9, at Scottish Rite Hall will be held the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Grand Chapter of New York. Best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous session.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Vermont will be held in Windsor, commencing June 3. May the meeting be one of unusual interest and pleasure.

Any of our patrons desiring Society address cards should send to THE EASTERN STAR for samples. We carry as fine a line as is published, and will be glad to send samples and receive your orders.

The Seventh Annual Session of the Grand

Chapter of Oregon will be held in Portland on June 8. The invitation is received and thanks are returned for remembrance, but distance prevents attendance.

Sister C. L. McCord met with quite a painful accident by falling from a step ladder a few days since. She is, we are glad to say, improving, and the promise is that she will very soon be able to be around again.

The Grand Chapter of Washington will hold its Eighth Annual Session in the city of Seattle, June 11. Thanks for the invitation that reached the desk of THE EASTERN STAR, and we very much wish it were possible to attend. May success and harmony attend you.

Masonic books for sale—Bound volumes of "The Masonic Review," bound in black or dark cloth and in excellent condition—these books date from 1837 to 1889. "Mason Advocate" bound in cloth from 1871 to 1888. Any one desiring to purchase please address THE EASTERN STAR.

Do not postpone the renewal of your subscription for THE EASTERN STAR until the convenient season, but let the manager by your promptness have the assurance that it is not the last debt to be considered, and gather for yourself the conscientiousness of having done your duty to yourself and to your sister.

At the last meeting of the Grand Chapter thirty Chapters were Chartered, and for each of these the Charters have been sent to those who were to Constitute. Since the meeting of the Grand Chapter two Dispensations have been granted, and so new Stars are being steadily added to the Indiana Constellation.

Masonic Lodges in many localities where there is no Chapter O. E. S., are taking steps to organize one, feeling that their Lodge will be helped thereby, and this is especially true where re-building or re-furnishing is anticipated, for with the organization of a Chapter, comes the renovation and brightening up of a Lodge Room.

The way to make a successful Chapter is to put aside all personal differences and lend your aid to any measure that tends to the upbuilding of the Chapter in any direction. It is not possible for all to think alike, but it is possible to so blend individual differences that the Chapter shall not be embarrassed in its work, nor the harmony affected by it. It is but natural that each thinks theirs the right way, and often argument only strengthens this belief.

A brown cape was found at Grand Lodge Hall after the close of the Grand Chapter, and may be had by addressing Nettie Rans-

ford, Grand Secretary. Also, some one took from the check room, instead of their own, a blue silk parasol and the owner prizes it very highly. The sister who took it will please kindly notify the Grand Secretary, who will see that the parasol is forwarded to the right party. Sisters, please be prompt in response to this request.

Sister Mary E. Partridge, Most Worthy Grand Matron, will start June 6, for a trip north. She will first visit the Grand Chapter of Oregon and then Washington, after which she will look after the children of the General Grand Chapter in Idaho. She hopes also to visit Montana and Utah before her return. These more distant Grand Chapters and Chapters have never received a visit from an officer of the General Grand Chapter and are very eager to do so. We trust that Sister Partridge will have a most enjoyable trip, and we are sure that the Chapters visited will be benefited by her visit. Brother Partridge is improving, but he is still far from his former self.

The vacation season is at hand, and the question of closing the doors for the heated term will soon receive attention. The custom is not a good one and should be utterly abolished, for it is the experience of most who have indulged in these things, that they are unwholesome. To be sure it is warm and requires an effort to attend Chapter, but the pleasure of meeting the members fully compensates for this. Besides, when again the cool days come and the meetings are resumed, many have lost interest, and it is well into the season before the interest is revived and the attendance is what it was before vacation. To be sure there are many who advocate vacations, but no good reasons are advanced in favor of them. May they grow less and less until all desire for them is lost.

At the meeting of Queen Esther Chapter which was held May 1, a new order of business was introduced. The Associate Matron, Sister Clara Holderman, asked permission to approach the East, and addressing the Secretary, Sister Nettie Ransford, in behalf of the officers who rendered the Floral Work at Grand Chapter, presented her with a beautiful office chair for her service in drilling them. It was a complete surprise to the recipient, and when on turning she saw in front of her the chair which had been placed there while her attention was called in another direction, her usual presence of mind almost deserted her,—but words could not express the pleasure it gave her to know that those with whom she was so closely associated in the work, held for her a place in heart and memory.

With this number of THE EASTERN STAR begins its ninth year, and it has demonstrated its right to your influence and to your patronage. From every quarter comes the cry of "hard times," and please do not fancy

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1896.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Y. M. C. A. Hall, Worcester, Thursday, May 14, with all the Grand Officers present—except the Grand Chaplain, whose station was filled by Sister Helen Atkins of Charlestown,—and forty-two Chapters were represented; also two Chapters Under Dispensation, which were, by vote, allowed a representation in the Grand Chapter.

The hall was very beautifully decorated with stately palms and potted plants for the occasion, and furnished with the beautiful new floor Star and altar of Stella Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was opened in full form at 10:30 A. M., and was eloquently welcomed back to the city of its birth by Sister E. A. Parker, Worthy Matron of Stella Chapter, who delineated the pleasures and beauties of the city and gave a few historical facts concerning the Grand Chapter, bidding the visitors a hearty welcome. Sister Effie M. Carson, Associate Grand Matron, responded for the Grand Chapter in her usual pleasing manner, blending her thanks with kind admonitory words to the members regarding the work before us for the day, that each may put aside all selfishness and labor only for the best interests of the Order.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, being present, was introduced and received with Grand Honors.

The following Representatives near this Grand Chapter were then introduced and received:

Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, for Montana; Past Grand Matron, Mary A. Stebbins, for Indian Territory and Colorado; Grand Matron, Carrie S. Fairbairn, for Connecticut, Illinois, Nebraska, Arkansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Texas and Michigan.

The Grand Matron appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials—Past Grand Patron, G. C. Fiske, and Sisters Ella G. Sprague and Viola E. Borland.

On Finance—Associate Grand Patron, Amos M. Parker, and Sisters Isadore Forbes and S. Addie Stone.

On Jurisprudence—Past Grand Patrons, Frank E. Shaw and Joseph W. Hill, and Past Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, R. Emily Little was appointed Assistant Secretary.

A large number of letters of greeting were received, representing many of the Officers of the General Grand Chapter,—and a large share of the Grand Chapters.

The Grand Matron read her address. After paying a touching tribute to our beloved dead, extending deepest sympathy for the afflicted relatives and friends left behind, she gives a resume of her labors during the year. She modestly tells us that their labors for the year culminated in the last few days of their

term of service, but hopes and expects that many new Chapters will soon spring up from the good seed sown during the year.—She seems to forget that the Grand Officers for the past term have had extra labors,—enjoyable though they were,—which none of their predecessors have been called upon to perform, and which, we fear, it will be many years before their successors will have the pleasure to repeat—that of entertaining the General Grand Chapter. In this connection, she expresses the honor felt in the privilege of entertaining that Grand Body, and also the honor conferred by the selection of one of our number for the position of Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron,—believing that Sister Ewing will equally honor that Body in her labors. She thinks this meeting left a beneficial and lasting impression upon the members in this Jurisdiction, and awakened a great deal of interest among our dormant members.

She granted sixteen dispensations, nearly all of which were to change the time or place of meeting.

She appointed as her Representatives near their several Grand Chapters, the Grand Matrons of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Indian Territory, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

She presents five recommendations, all of which were adopted by the Grand Chapter.

In conclusion, she says: "We should congratulate ourselves that the best of harmony prevails throughout the State. I have always been governed by the desire to promote the best interests of the Order, and with the support of my associate,—the Grand Patron,—my duties have been much lighter, for he has always been ready and willing to assist me, not only in good and valuable advice, but his interest in the Order has been a great encouragement." She congratulates the Grand Chapter upon securing such an efficient worker for Grand Patron. She thanks all for the courtesies received during the year, and bids her successor God-speed in the good work before her.

The Address of the Grand Patron shows a large amount of work performed, requiring careful thought and study—although laboring under a severe mental strain from the dangerous illness of his wife.

He has visited twenty-six of the forty-two Chapters in the State, and promises that pleasure to the remainder at his earliest convenience. Since May 1, he has granted dispensations for four new Chapters, with an aggregate membership of two hundred and three,—and there are, he says, "Also, alarms on the outer door for eight more." One Chapter was constituted during the year.

He reports eight decisions rendered, nearly all of which were sustained by the Grand Chapter. He presents but one recommendation for especial action of the Grand Chapter,

which is the adoption of the test oath as printed in the General Grand Chapter Journal for 1895. He reports peace and harmony throughout the Jurisdiction.

In regard to entertainments given by Chapters, he says:—"This I think is necessary and approve of it, but would caution all to consider well any new features, and not do anything that can be considered sacrilegious, or would lower the high standard, or lessen the good influence of the Order at home or abroad."

He cautions Chapters against sending notices of their meetings, bearing the names of applicants to be balloted for, in unsealed envelopes. He commends the Floral Addenda and Vocal Star, and recommends the exemplification of one, or both, at least once each year, but never to the detriment of the regular degrees.

He regards it the proper thing for Chapters to send notices of their meetings to the Grand Council,—or at least, to the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. He recommends the exclusion of visitors from the Grand Chapter, but was not sustained in this by that Body.

Of our Grand Matron, Sister Fairbairn, he says: "She has been a most interested co-worker—eager that everything should be done for the promotion and harmony of our Order, and that all steps taken should be for the uplifting of the members wherever dispersed."

In conclusion, he says: "Let whoever may be elected to serve us as Grand Officers for the ensuing year receive our approval and cordial assistance in their labors for the Order. May we profit by the past, and may our love for the principles taught in the Ritual be strengthened and our zeal for the cause increased. Let us endeavor to be pure, honest, temperate, industrious and to know God;—if we fail, try again."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows forty-two Chapters making returns and four Chapters under dispensation, with an aggregate membership January 1, 1896, of five thousand, two hundred and ten, a net gain of four hundred and eighty-nine during the past year. Adding to this the membership of the four Chapters organized since May 1, and we have a membership at the present time of over five thousand, four hundred. Forty-two have joined the ranks "beyond the river." The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance of about three hundred dollars after paying all bills. The Committee on Credentials reported two hundred and thirty-five members of the Grand Chapter and one hundred and eight visitors present. The Committee on entertainment of the General Grand Chapter made a detailed report, showing a balance in their hands of nearly ninety dollars, which was placed in the treasury.

At this juncture, the Grand Patron, in behalf of her Associate Officers and many of her friends, presented the Grand Matron with an elegant P. G. Matron's Jewel. Being taken by surprise, Sister Fairbairn could say little ex-

entertainment May 11. They were first entertained by musical and literary numbers, after which followed the laughable farce "Female Masonry." Two candidates were conducted through the ceremony, and the entire program was heartily enjoyed. Then came a supper which was followed by a dance.

INDIANA.

Laurel Chapter, Roann, is doing nicely, and there is a prospect of several new members in the near future.

Hamilton Chapter, Fisher's Station, was constituted May 2. Sister Nettie Ransford, G. Sec., was D. G. P. and she was assisted by Sister Lizzie J. Smythe, G. Con., as G. Sec., and Edward W. Barrows, G. Mar.

Radiant Chapter, Noblesville, was constituted May 8. Sister Nettie Ransford, G. Sec., was deputized to constitute and Bro. Edward W. Barrows, G. Mar., assisted her.

Acton Chapter, Acton, was constituted by the same on May 11. In each Chapter they seem interested and give promise of doing good work.

The first meeting in May of Queen Esther Auxiliary met at the home of Sister Mary Goddard, who was assisted by Sister Lizzie Louthan. A very pleasant afternoon was spent and refreshments were served. The second meeting in May was held at the home of Sister Raffensperger and was very enjoyable.

Noble chapter, Kendallville, gave a very delightful reception at the pleasant home of the W. M., Sister Ida Cawley, April 30. The event was in compliment to two of our members, Sister Sternberg and Sister Backenheim, who have since left for their new home in the West. The affair was a very enjoyable one, games and social intercourse being indulged in and dainty refreshments were served.

At the regular meeting of Petersburg Chapter in March, we received one petition, elected one and initiated two. The candidates were husband and wife and belonged to other organizations, but expressed themselves well pleased with the new work upon which they had entered. We did not have work in April owing to the sickness of the two candidates. Two of our P. M.'s went up to Newberry to constitute and install the officers of Newberry Chapter. They report a very pleasant visit, and the Chapter there starting out under unusually favorable circumstances having received great encouragement from the Blue Lodge. We are glad to welcome this young sister, and will send greetings from our May meeting.

L. T. H.

Noble Chapter, Kendallville, held an especially interesting and enjoyable meeting May 19. Four candidates received the degrees and the floral degree was conferred upon five ladies, the officers beautifully exemplifying the work. The birthday anniversary of our W. M., Sister Cawley, occurring on that day, at the close of the initiation ceremonies her officers presented her with a beautiful fruit dish set in silver, as a small token of their

high regard and love for her, and their appreciation of her labors toward the success and prosperity of the Chapter. The recipient was taken unawares, but very gracefully responded by thanking the donors. A few visitors were in attendance, a dainty treat was served the large number present, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

H. C.

IDAHO.

Although the life of Queen Esther Chapter, Coeur d' Alene, measures but the brief span of two months, yet its progressiveness has been demonstrated by not only a full attendance at all meetings, but in the faithful work of its officers, who have memorized their several parts of the Ritual, rendering them capable of conferring the degrees with an accuracy and fidelity to ritualistic requirements, that would be creditable to Chapters of long standing.

The presence among us of Mrs. Rinda Chesney, P. G. M. of Kansas, who has supervised the work of the Chapter, and given it the benefit of her Chapter and Grand Chapter experience, acted as an incentive to the officers to excel in their several stations.

Brief as has been its existence, Queen Esther Chapter has been supplied with the most important furniture necessary to a full exemplification of the degrees, and its work has been highly commended.

At the last regular meeting the W. P., Bro. John J. Havill, whose labors are unceasing in the interests of the Order, presented the Chapter with a complete and very beautiful set of gold-plated officers' jewels with ribbon hangers. In presenting them he said, among other things: "During the twenty-seven years of my Masonic life, nothing has given me greater pleasure than I experienced upon becoming a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. My only regret is that circumstances over which I had no control rendered it impossible for me to sooner become a member, but, when the course of human events renders it necessary that I shall bid adieu to Queen Esther Chapter, I shall always reserve a warm corner in my heart for each and every member of my mother Chapter." Sister Crane, A. C., accepted the jewels on behalf of the Chapter, in a charming and most felicitous speech. An engrossed copy of a vote of thanks, for the gift of a book of odes and a supply of ode cards, was then presented to Sister Chesney.

An interesting, instructive and amusing Conversazone occupied the time under good of the order, each member being given excellent opportunity to demonstrate their ability as a conversationalist, the program including six subjects. Sister Crane was awarded the first prize, a copy of Owen Meredith's "Lucile," and Bro. Wilson received the booby prize. After closing the Chapter, the sisters produced a tempting display of fruits, and those sisters who had shown a disposition to quietness during the contest, suddenly de-

veloped a power of linguistic ability that was simply astonishing.

Queen Esther Chapter may be situated in a retired spot, geographically, but it is doing a good work, nevertheless.

W. P. COULTER, Sec.

Queen Esther Chapter, Coeur d' Alene, is progressing most favorably. At the last regular meeting two applicants for the degrees were balloted for, two petitions were received and many more are in sight. The meeting was very interesting, the degree work being rehearsed under direction of the W. P., Bro. Havill, who complimented the officers very highly at its conclusion for their proficiency in the Ritualistic work. Under good of the Order Bro. Coulter read an interesting paper in which he paid a high tribute to the ladies of the Eastern Star. He was followed by Mrs. Coulter who rendered a vocal solo. Mesdames Bristow and Hayes sang a beautiful duet, and others contributed to make the evening a pleasant one. After closing the Chapter, the members were invited by Bro. Daily, the Sent., to enter the banquet room, where they found a delightful surprise awaiting them. He had prepared an elegant lunch and suggested delaying their departure until they had discussed the good things offered. An hour's social enjoyment at the festive board enhanced still more the pleasure of the evening.

Queen Esther Chapter, not four months old, is ambitious, being desirous of trying the Floral Work, and if no unforeseen circumstances arise, will probably be able to do so in June.

W. P. C.

KANSAS.

Eva Chapter, Independence, held a special meeting May 20, that the two little daughters of Bro. and Sister Sylvester Flitch might be christened under the auspices of the Eastern Star. Bro. and Sister Flitch now reside at Ponco, Ohla., but formerly lived at Cedarvale, and are members of Eva Chapter. Four years ago they were married in Masonic Hall, with the Knight Templar ceremony, Sir Knight J. R. Baldwin, now of the State of Washington officiating,—the Sir Knights in full uniform forming a hollow square, the bride and groom in center of square, this being the only marriage by the full Knight Templar ceremony ever performed by St. Bernard Commandrey. Bro. and Sister Flitch now have two lovely little girls,—the eldest one named Eva Chapter Barbara, in honor of our beloved Chapter, and the youngest one, Sylvia M. They were so christened last night in open Chapter, Dr. Wright, pastor of the First M. E. Church officiating. The ceremony was very impressive and touching. Sister Viretta Hooper was chosen by the Chapter as Sponsor, and was escorted to the altar by Sister Lizzie Collier, Con., and fully instructed by Dr. Wright as to her duties and the watchful care she should have over the little ones. After adjournment a general hand-shaking was indulged in, and all present felt it was

maining sixty-one who signed the petition, a half dozen at a time, beginning at their first meeting May 18. Many others are already knocking at their doors for admission, and as there is nothing like work to keep up the interest of a new Chapter, I prophesy for this already bright Star, increasing brilliancy.

The regular meeting of Athena Chapter was held May 13. Two petitions were received, one candidate was elected and two others were initiated. Seventeen of our members decided to attend the G. C. meeting which was held in Worcester the following day. After the work a very pleasant social hour was spent by all in the banquet hall, where refreshments were served.

H. E. E.

MONTANA.

May 6, Sarah J. Tracy, G. M., paid an official visit to Ruth Chapter, Butte City. Although the evening was a stormy one, there was a good attendance. One candidate received the degrees, the officers doing their work in a creditable manner. The G. M. gave a very interesting address, after which the Chapter closed in due form. A musical and literary program was then given, and refreshments were served in the hall. Sister Tracy, G. M., during her stay in Butte was the guest of Sister Jennie Tebo, W. M. of Ruth Chapter.

NEW MEXICO.

Ransford Chapter, East Las Vegas, gave a ball on April 7, which was a decided success, both socially and financially. The net proceeds were \$264.35. The banquet was elegant, and much praise is being given the sisters who managed it. At the last meeting in March one candidate was initiated, and at a subsequent meeting one petition was received.

NEBRASKA.

A special meeting of Mizpah Chapter, Ord, was held Thursday, April 23, at which time we had the pleasure of a visit from our G. P., Rev. A. G. Pinkham, and also three members from Crescent Chapter, North Loup. Two candidates were conducted through the degrees of the Order, followed by the Floral Addenda and Floral March. After some very interesting remarks by the G. P., which included valuable suggestions and criticisms of the work, Chapter was closed and refreshments were served. The officers were greatly pleased by the compliments of the G. P. on the thorough manner in which their work

was rendered. The evening was an enjoyable one, and it was the opinion of all present that this visit had been very beneficial in encouraging the officers, and stimulating them to renewed efforts for the good of the Order. A number of members have been added to the Chapter lately, and good work is being done and much interest manifested.

OLIVE A. HALDERMAN, W. M.

WASHINGTON.

Electa Chapter, Spokane, had one of the largest meetings since the organization, April 4, at Masonic Hall. The occasion was a reception and banquet in honor of the G. M., Mrs. Alice Taylor of Seattle, who is making her annual visit to the different Chapters in the State. There were also present—Mrs. J. E. Fenton, A. G. M., and Mrs. J. W. McLean of Sprague, G. Con. Mrs. Rinda E. Chesney, P. G. M. of Kansas, was also present. The Work was exemplified upon three candidates in a most impressive manner. The hall and banquet room were especially decorated for the meeting. One hundred and twenty-five members partook of the banquet. Speeches were made by all the G. O.'s and visitors present. The P. M.'s of Electa Chapter, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Wentworth, Emma Driscoll, Mrs. Wiscombe and Mrs. Pugh, reviewed the Star's work in well chosen talks. Many of the Masons present also spoke to the ladies.

The meeting was a grand event socially and otherwise.

WISCONSIN.

As Wisconsin had no report in the last issue of THE EASTERN STAR, I take upon myself the pleasant duty of reporting O. E. S. matters of late in this Jurisdiction. Our new G. M., Sisters, has started in bravely and is doing most efficient work in visiting, constituting U. D. Chapters and organizing new ones.

Immediately after G. C. she visited Platteville and was the guest of Miriam Chapter.

Feb. 28, with the assistance of P. G. P., Bro. Evans, she constituted Warren Chapter at Potosi.

Mar. 4, she constituted Janesville chapter and installed their officers. On the following evening accompanied by several of Janes-

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MRS. REBECCA J. McCLINTOCK.

Grand Matron of Ohio, 1891-92.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio has been favored in its first years of life with the faithful work of one whose ability and gentle, true womanhood, has been, and is an honor to the order she represents. We refer to Mrs. Rebecca J. McClintock whose portrait is given with this sketch. She was born in Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, Penn., May 5th 1842.

Early in life she became a member of the M. E. Church in that place, and has been active in church work ever since, thus developing a character that fitly illustrates the principles taught by the Eastern Star.

In September 1862, she was married to Mr. W. H. McClintock who is still her congenial companion.

Six years of married life were spent in New York City from where she removed in 1869. It was during this period that sorrow came into the home and her little son was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery.

In 1875 the family came to Ohio and settled in Garrettsville, Portage Co.

Crescent Chapter No. 7, of that place was organized May 1890, and she became one of the charter members. The following fall the appointment of Grand Chaplain was given her, and in the fall of 1891 she was elected to fill the chair of Worthy Grand Matron.

In 1893 she received an honor so far unparalleled in Ohio, in being re-elected to the office of Grand Matron. Upon retiring from the chair in 1894 she was made a paid representative to the General Grand Chapter at Boston, as a courteous recognition of the service to the Grand Chapter of Ohio, although an officer of that body already, having been appointed in 1892.

Such is the esteem in which she is held in the Grand Chapter of Ohio and in her own Chapter at Garrettsville she is honored no less, having been their Worthy Matron as often as they could get her to undertake it. With all this work for our beautiful order, she yet finds time to be a good wife, kind neighbor, and faithful church worker. Let no one say this is to much praise, for it is as little as can be said, and be true; and indeed Sister McClintock must be deserving since she has improved and developed those qualities which have been bequeathed from a dis-



tinguished ancestry. From her mother she is a direct descendant of General Jackson. Through her father she is a relative of Lucy Webb Hayes whose refined christian character will make her remembered when more famous names will be forgotten.

Life is a quarry out of which we are to mould and chisel to complete a character.

AN ETCHING.

JOSEPHINE HAMMOND.

In the merciful scheme of nature, it is said there are no plain women, and into the borders of a cosmopolitan sanatorium-like, picturesque and balmy atmosphere, came the central figure of this picture, like a new star. She received the "Judas kiss" of social admiration, yet to her it gave not the assurance it might have had, for the too frequent uses it has been put to makes it savor of insincerity. She was launched from the real glory of a long metropolitan season "of the feast of reason and flow of wit," from the best of the social sailing into the cosy arms, and narrow confines of a "dear, old, sheltered, gossip, little town," where "follow the leader" was the motto, and to diverge, was a break, not to be dreamed of.

Her advent into the social whirl evidenced that she was a "somebody from somewhere." The incident of her introduction, the circumstances that brought it about, enhanced her in the eyes of the crowd "eager to be first in showering honors upon one to whom they thought honor was due," and she was electric and hypnotic—her eye had in it the gleam of an X ray. She dawned upon you as does the peaceful morning light, with manners as easy in their sure mark of lighting up a social scene as was her intuitive, sensitive temperament sure of charming you. She looked at you and you felt assured that in

her glance was the evidence of unusual familiarity with the art of "sizing people up," yet you would not know from any ill-timed expression that her thoughts were upon you.

There was something in her firm hand-clasp, something in her abundant personal magnetism, much in the absolute sincerity with which she clothed her interest for other people; her sure sense of wit, her shrewd use

of anecdotes, struck a keynote of fun in the midst of ill-timed prosaical surroundings. How perfectly she played her part, "as one among them;" how her generous amiability made her an interested spectator to the shrine of those "simple theories" of which she had already had a surfeit. Yet in countless ways she rode above the vulgar channels, for in her heart of hearts

"There was formed to convey like an electric chain,
The mystic flash, the lightning of the brain,"

and she knew people and liked or disliked them from the gift of that soul sense—which was all her own.

Yet she diverged, merely for the change—she craved the social background formerly so brilliant, like the "leader's" smile, assumed an indifferent half tone, like a mist over waters whose color cannot be seen, yet whose splash-splash and wish-wash is distinctly heard. She diverged into the calm and restful companionship of books, and that "interesting acquaintance" met in passing, and his face peers through the society vellum, a genuine, substantial, forceful power, depicted on the dreamy surface of life's "vain things;" one of those characters that seem to be without sentiment, because by circumstance they have been compelled to look for facts. Yet some things are real and the heroine and hero are among them. They are walking alone among the mysteries of a love as new and old as springtime itself. The full etching is revealed, the society leader pauses in amazement and gazes at this delicate picture just touched by her own sweeping garments and receives the hint that her actions have helped to make for the future criticism of others "a chapter" from her life, which is such a social and domestic farce, given in contrast and comparison for the basis of a little sketch that passes for "An Etching.—The Period.

LITTLE SCOTCH GRANITE.

Burt and Johnnie Lee were delighted when their Scotch cousin came to live with them. He was little, but very bright and full of fun. He could tell curious things about his home in Scotland and his voyage across the ocean. He was as far advanced in his studies as they were, and the first day he went to school they thought him remarkably good. He wasted no time in play when he should have been studying, and he advanced finely.

At night, before the close of the school, the teacher called the roll and the boys began to answer, "Ten." When Willie understood that he was to say ten, if he had not whispered during the day, he replied, "I have whispered."

"More than once?" asked the teacher.

"Yes sir," answered Willie.

"As many as ten times?"

"Maybe I have," faltered Willie.

"Then I shall mark you zero," said the teacher, sternly; "and that is a great disgrace."

"Why, I did not see you whisper once," said Johnnie, that night after school.

"Well, I did," said Willie, "I saw others doing it, and so I asked to borrow a book; then I lent a slate-pencil, and asked a boy for a knife and did several such things. I supposed it was allowed."

"Oh, we all do it," said Burt, reddening. "There isn't any sense in the old rule; and nobody could keep it, nobody does."

"I will, or else I will say I haven't," said Willie. "Do you suppose I would tell ten lies in one heap?"

"Oh, we don't call them lies," muttered Johnnie. "There wouldn't be a credit among us at night, if we were so strict."

"What of that, if you told the truth?" laughed Willie bravely.

In a short time, the boys all saw how it was with him. He studied hard, played with all his might in play-time; but, according to his account, he lost more credits than any of the rest. After some weeks the boys answered "Nine" and "Eight" oftener than they used to. Yet the schoolroom seemed to have grown quieter. Sometimes, when Willie Grant's mark was even lower than usual, the teacher would smile peculiarly, but said no more of disgrace. Willie never preached at them or told tales; but, somehow, it made the boys ashamed of themselves, just the seeing that this sturdy, blue-eyed boy must tell the truth. It was putting the clean cloth by the half-soiled one, you see; and they felt like cheats and story-tellers. They talked him all over, and loved him, if they did nickname him "Scotch Granite," he was so firm about a promise.

Well, at the end of the term Willie's name was very low down on the credit list. When it was read, he had hard work not to cry; for he was very sensitive and had tried hard to be perfect. But the last thing that day was a speech by the teacher, who told of once seeing a man muffled up in a cloak. He was passing him without a look, when he was told the man was Gen. —, the great hero.

"The signs of his rank were hidden, but hero was there just the same," said the teacher. "And now boys you will see what I mean when I give a little gold medal to the most faithful boy—the one really the most conscientiously 'perfect in his deportment' among you. Who shall have it?"

"Little Scotch Granite!" shouted forty boys at once; for the child whose name was so low on the credit list had made truth noble in their eyes.—The British Evangelist.

JACQUIN'S ECHOES.

The great truth that needs to be taught to every child, impressed upon every youth and established in every mind is that the basis of all happiness is loyalty to truth and right.

There are six sorts of persons at whose hands you need not expect kindness: The sordid, narrow-minded think of nobody but

themselves. The busy have no time to think about you. The overgrown rich are above thinking of any one but themselves. The poor and unhappy have neither spirit nor ability. The good natured fool, however willing is not capable of serving you.

If you have been charitably disposed, or assisted others, do not entertain the vain expectation that you will receive a somewhat proportionate return of thanks and kindness. The reward for such assistance is the pleasure and gratification to yourself, of knowing you have been the means of relieving the wants or alleviating the sufferings of others. This is the only reward that any man can expect, and it gives more satisfaction in the long run than any other.

The idler is the most miserable of all human beings. No matter how much wealth a man possesses, he can neither be contented nor happy without occupation. We are all born to labor and the world is our vineyard. We can find a field for usefulness anywhere, and if we wish to escape from misery, melancholy and unhappiness, the best way is to engage in some work. In occupation mankind forget their cares and sorrows. It keeps them from constantly worrying and brooding over what is inevitable. If we have enough of this world's goods for ourselves we can labor for the good of others; and such a task is one of the most delightful duties which any person can engage in. It will bring peace of mind, increase moral energy, revive the spirits, invigorate the body, drive away melancholy, and produce happiness and contentment when every thing else fails.

The pretensions which vanity sets up are not usually very high. It seldom aspires to consideration of goodness or greatness, far oftener basing its claims to admiration of a pretty face, a fine figure, a graceful bearing, a fashionable costume, a costly dwelling. It is almost inevitable that when people boast of such things, or exhibit them ostentatiously, an expression should gain ground that they are destitute of any higher claims to consideration. If a man had common sense he would not value himself upon his carriage and horses; if he had force of character he would not be proud of his tailor's skill; if he had merits of his own to stand upon he would not try to borrow reputation from his ancestors. The very effort he makes to show off these things, and to claim a certain standing in society because of them, is of itself a confession that he has nothing better to offer, and he is very naturally esteemed accordingly.—Square and Compass.

Woman must be brave enough at home and amongst friends to stand opposed to all that is false and unwomanly and untrue, whether it be in regard to books or habits, dress, association or pleasures. O, be brave enough to be true. God will help you and every one of you will be a power in the world.—Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, Jr.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW YORK-1896.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York, was opened in Scottish Rite Hall on Tuesday morning, June 9th, in full form, Mrs. Jessie M. Ray, Grand Matron presiding. Bro. B. W. Hough, of Floral Chapter No. 28, of which Chapter the late Dr. John V. B. Green, Grand Patron, was a member, officiated as Grand Patron. After the opening ceremonies were completed, the Grand Matron, presented ten Past Grand Matrons who were present, and Bro. Geo. S. Barber, Past Grand Patron, to the Grand Chapter; also visitors from other grand bodies, all of whom were received with appropriate honors. The Grand Matron then read her report, which was a lengthy resume of the past years work. After alluding feelingly to the fraternal dead and paying tribute to the memory of Bro. Herman G. Carter, Past Grand Patron, and Bro. John V. B. Green, Grand Patron, she spoke of the many visits she had made, the good work witnessed and the prosperous condition of the Order generally throughout the State. Sixteen new Chapters have been formed, all with every prospect of becoming successful. One Chapter which had been inactive for over twenty years began anew with an enthusiasm which forbodes a prosperous future. Sister Ray has had a very successful year and is to be congratulated on the records of honest, hard work she has attained during her incumbency of the office of Grand Matron. Her report was referred to an appropriate committee for revision.

A number of memorials of the late Grand Patron, Bro. John V. B. Green, were read and adopted.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the Order to be in a prosperous condition throughout the State, with an increase of membership of about eight hundred. The Grand Treasure's report also was presented, which shows a good balance in the treasury. The Trustees of the Grand Chapter in their report, showed that the Hall and Home Fund was in a healthy condition and had largely increased during the year.

During the afternoon session on Tuesday, Bro. Geo. S. Barber, Past Grand Patron, in a few appropriate remarks presented Sister Ray with a beautiful diamond studded Past Grand Matron's jewel, as a token of esteem from the Grand Chapter. Sister Ray accepted it with thanks for the kind words spoken, and for the uniform kindness with which she had been received during the year by every Chapter she has visited.

The Grand Lecturer in his report gave a careful resume of the work intrusted to his care. Nearly all the Chapters had been visited during the year either by himself or his deputies, and the work was found to be very generally uniform in character and better than in years gone by.

On Wednesday, the second day of the session, interest centered in the election of officers. As is usual on such occasions there were rumors of spirited contests for various offices, but aside from one little tilt over the office of Grand Conductress, there was nothing approaching anything like excitement during the election of the entire ticket, a fact which will go down in history, for it proved to be the most harmonious election of officers ever known in the Grand Chapter. Following are the officers elected:

Miss Anna L. Brooks, of Brooklyn, Grand Matron.

Otto Fassold, of Albany, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ida E. Harrigan, of Gouveneur, Associate Grand Matron.

Edward F. Barnes, of New York, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Christiana Buttrick, of New York, Grand Secretary, (re-elected for the seventeenth consecutive time).

Mrs. Emma J. McKessick, of New York, Grand Treasure.

Mrs. Daisy M. Buttrick, of New York, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. E. Williams, of Binghamton, Associate Grand Conductress.

Bro. James Moore, of Beacon Light Chapter, Mrs. Rachel Stifel, of Concordia Chapter, Bro. Fred K. Putnam, of Otsenigo Chapter, Binghamton, Trustees.

The appointed officers were as follows:

Mrs. Elise Leminger, of Alma Chapter, Grand Warder.

Miss Maud L. Bruning, Architect Chapter, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Mary W. Smith, of Esther Chapter, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Grace E. Foster, of Radiant Chapter, Grand Esther.

Miss M. Jennie Wilson, of Harmonia Chapter, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Frances Heinrich, of Hope Chapter, Grand Electa.

Wm. J. Duncan, of Golden Link Chapter, Grand Lecturer.

Isaac Niner, of Adelphi Chapter, Grand Chaplain.

Charles C. Light, of Day Star Chapter, Grand Marshal.

William Capel, Grand Sentinel.

The Committee on Ritual reported a proposition to purchase the ritual, copyright, plates, and all rights, which was unanimously accepted. The ritual therefore becomes the sole property of the Grand Chapter and will in the future be under the absolute control of that body, and will be published and circulated by it only.

A committee was appointed to secure funds for the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late Grand Patron, Bro. John V. B. Green.

The newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were installed on Thursday the last day of the session, by Bro. B. W. Hough, acting Grand Patron, Sister Eleanor Burton, Past

Grand Matron acting as Grand Marshal, assisted by Bro. Charles C. Light. A handsome basket of flowers was presented to Mrs. Jennie Ray the retiring Grand Matron, and a floral tribute was also presented to Miss Anna L. Brooks the newly installed Grand Matron.

Thus ended one of the most pleasant sessions of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York that has ever occurred during the twenty-six years of its existence.

G. F. N.

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS-1896.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Hall Kansas City, being the guest of Mendias Chapter, No 1, May 13, 14, 15. All the Grand Officers were present except Grand Chaplain. The Grand Chapter was opened in full form at 8 p. m. and was welcomed by Sister Hughes, Worthy Matron of Mendias Chapter, giving the visitors a very cordial welcome. Sister Ellen A. Kenner, Associate Grand Matron responded, thanking the members of Mendias for the truly fraternal welcome which had been extended. Sister Helen B. Farnsworth, Grand Matron, paid a touching tribute to the Grand Patron, Brother John A. Keynell, whose death occurred suddenly at Wichita May 1st. His chair was draped with the emblem of mourning, remaining vacant beside her, and where his head should have rested she placed a cluster of pure white calla lillies, and the clear sweet tones of the Grand Organist, Sister Emma Veitz, as she sang to his memory, helped to soothe the saddened hearts of those present. The following were saluted with Grand Honors and seated in the East; Sisters Mary A. Hepler, M. H. Buck, Myra Mottram, C. A. Stevenson, P. B. Colton, Emma W. Port, Elizabeth Maggie, Lettie Trouslot, Past Grand Matrons, and Brothers R. E. Stevenson, Geo. W. Clark, William Julian, Alfred Whitman, and J. C. Postlethwaite Past Grand Patrons.

The Grand Matron read a very interesting report, showing that there had been much good work done in the jurisdiction the past year. Fifteen charters were granted during the session.

The initiatory work was beautifully exemplified on Thursday evening by the Officers of Mendias Chapter. The following Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Matron Emma W. Port, Belle Harris, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Ellen A. Kenner, Eureka, Grand Matron August Anderson, Wichita, Grand Patron; Mrs. Della Bennett, Hutchinson, Associate Grand Matron.

Edd Hays, Wellington, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Jessie Pearsall, Ft. Scott, Grand Treasure.

Mrs. Myra Mottram, Ottawa, Grand Secretary. Mrs. Libbie B. Towner, Kansas City, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Eva Wheeler, Norton, Association Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Libbie G. Brookins, Humboldt, Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. Emily Byington, Leavenworth, Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Inez Jay, Lyons, Grand Adah.

Miss Edna Orme, Junction City, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Anna King, Topeka, Grand Esther.

Miss Estella L. Linton, Holton, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Mollie Branson, Dexter, Grand Electa.

Mrs. Clara Gibhart, Phillipsburg, Grand Warder.

J. T. McDermott, Liberal, Grand Sentinel.

Miss Emma Vietz, Girard, Grand Organist.

Sister Emma W. Port, having been commissioned by Sister Mary E. Partridge, Most Worthy Grand Matron, assisted by Sister Emma J. Byington, Grand Marshal installed Sister Helen B. Farnsworth, Past Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Marshal. Sister Emma Vietz presented Sister Farnsworth retiring Grand Matron in behalf of her friends, a beautiful gold watch, in appreciation of the work she had so faithfully preformed during the past year. Sister Farnsworth responded in her usual pleasing manner.

It had been a busy day within and the elements had been busy without. Clouds had hung over us all day and the rain had not ceased to fall, but just as the words of the closing ceremony were being spoken the sun, as if to show his appreciation of the work done, shone out in all his glory and filled the room with a mellow golden light, and the new Grand Matron pronounced the twentieth session of the Grand Chapter closed.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MINNESOTA-1896.

The readers of the O. E. S. news in Minnesota and our sister jurisdictions, were no doubt disappointed at not receiving a report of our Grand Chapter meeting in your last issue. I had the honor of being appointed at the session, but understood that, as the former correspondent had taken the report, he had sent it to the paper.

So much time has elapsed that I will only mention it briefly.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, was held in the Masonic Temple, city of Duluth, May 13 and 14. All of the elective Officers were present.

Zenith Chapter, whose guests we were, possesses among its members our honored Nathaniel A. Gearhart, R. W. A. Grand Patron, also Mary L. McGindley, Associate Grand Matron, who acted as chairman of the entertainment committee.

The large, beautiful hall was decorated for the occasion, and only those who have visited the city at the head of the lakes can appreciate the royal manner in which they entertain. Everything possible was done for our comfort and entertainment.

Returns were made by every Chapter in the jurisdiction, seventy of whom sent representatives.

The Grand Chapter opened in full form at ten o'clock, a. m. May 13, and was elegantly welcomed to the home of Zenith Chapter by Sister Mary L. McGindley, Associate Grand Matron. The response was given by Sister Estelle Van Slyke Fuller, Worthy Matron of Gold Leaf Chapter, in a pleasing manner.

Then followed the usual addresses by the Grand Patron, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, all of which showed deep interest in the Order and gave an account of work done and interest manifested which showed the wonderful increase of strength in the order throughout the State.

Nineteen new Chapters were organized, all of which received charters.

The work was exemplified by Zenith Chapter in a manner seldom equalled. As the officers entered the room, the Conductress carried a beautiful silk American flag, which after being carried through the mazes of a march composed by Sister McGindley, was deposited at the back of the Worthy Matron.

Beautiful new robes had been purchased for the occasion and the officers did themselves and their Chapter great honor by doing the work so nearly according to the ritual as to be declared by those present as perfect.

The Grand Chapter was called to order at nine, a. m. Thursday May 14th. Some time was spent in the adoption of a code of by-laws for the government of subordinate Chapters, and other routine business, interspersed with interesting recitations by Sister Josephine Bonapart Rice and Franklyn Lee, of Constellation Chapter.

An invitation was accepted to hold our next annual session in the city of Litchfield.

The election of officers resulted in the following list being selected:

Mary L. McGindley, Duluth, Grand Matron.

Thomas H. Warren, Stillwater, Grand Patron.

Flora Adam Pattee, Minneapolis, Associate Grand Matron.

Joseph Eckstein, New Ulm, Associate Grand Patron.

Eleanor Young St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Sarah Williams, St. Paul, Grand Treasurer.

Estella Van Slyke Fuller, Graceville, Grand Conductress.

Lillie Wiscott, Albert Lea, Associate Grand Conductress.

Alice Bliss, Albert Lea, Grand Chaplain.

Clara Huntington, Minneapolis, Grand Marshal.

Rose McLarty, Chatfield, Grand Adah.

Lena Tracy, Appleton, Grand Ruth.

Lottie Swartout, Herman, Grand Esther.

Lou Palmer, Sauk Rapids, Grand Martha.

Helen E. Hellior, Buffalo, Grand Electa.

Jennie Hugo, Duluth, Grand Warder.

Henry Van Brunt, Duluth, Grand Sentinel.

We feel glad to congratulate Zenith Chapter upon having the honor of the office of Grand Matron conferred upon one of its mem-

bers. We know there is no Chapter more worthy and we feel confident that in confiding this trust to Sister McGindley we have selected a woman whose integrity of character, high sense of honor, and keen appreciation of the influence for good or evil exercised by the presiding officer of any organization, as well as her deep interest, love, and loyalty to our order, will ever lead her to be cautious in the execution of her trust, and enable her to forget self in her efforts to promote the welfare of the order and increase the happiness of its members.

In Brother Warren, as Grand Patron, she will have an able assistant and advisor, a man who is above reproach and whose love of our Order and its noble principles is not "hid under a bushel" but carried about in his daily life, reflecting its influence for good upon all who has the pleasure of his acquaintance.

With the greatest of faith in their ability I bid them "God speed", trusting that the coming year may be one filled with success for our Grand Chapter, and blessings for the O. E. S. wherever its light may find its way into the homes of the Masonic fraternity.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of installing the newly elected officers after which the Grand Chapter closed in form.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER O. E. S. OF MINNESOTA, SISTERS AND BROTHERS.—One year ago, at the meeting of this Grand Body, you decided to hold the session of 1896 in this city. The members of the Order at the head of the lakes felt honored when they learned of our decision, yet realized that "with privileges come responsibilities".

Since we last met in the capacity of a Grand Chapter, there has been wars and rumors of wars; unusual disturbances have agitated the public mind, and some who met and greeted us on that occasion, have passed from this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter in the life that is to come, while we are permitted, by the Giver of every good and perfect gift, to come together again in the interest of our beloved order. May our deliberations be of such a character that only good, strength, and beauty may flow to the organization, through our efforts.

This is an important era in the history of our Order in the State. Women attain legal age at their eighteenth birthday, and are then accorded, in law, the privilege of choosing for themselves, in most of the important affairs of life, including the right of being recognized as women. This is the eighteenth anniversary of the organization of a Grand Chapter in Minnesota; we are, therefore now of legal age, and I ask the question, do we not deserve to be more fully recognized by the Masonic fraternity, more than ever before? These eighteen years have been fraught with trials and troubles wholly unknown to the world; the names of the Grand Officers, who have so faithfully, efficiently and unselfishly labored to place our standard of victory upon the high pinnacle of success which it now occupies, should be engraven upon the tables of our hearts, and in letters of gold upon the pages of our record book.

Those who are to follow in the government of this Grand Chapter, will find a field al-

ready fallow, ploughed and thickly sown with rich seeds of truth and progress concerning our beautiful Order.

Yes, eighteen years have passed away
Since first we saw the light of day;
O'er our pathway, up the hill of time
We've been guarded by our Star sublime.

That Star shines unblemished, bright,
And ever welcome to its light,
Eligibles from near and far
Who should be members of our Star,

It takes its place among the great,
And sits with dignity in state
Among the fairest-purest in our land,
Sweet womankind a noble band.

While life and reason hold their sway,
We, at her shrine will ever lay
Our hearts, our heads, our hands, our all,
Upon her altar at her call.

Dear "Eastern Star" shine on for us,
In you we have a hope, a trust,
That when life's evening tide shall come,
Your rays will guide us to our home.

Where we shall meet in Chapter Grand,
And clasp each other by the hand,
Sing praise to Him who sits enthroned
In that fair clime, our Heavenly home.

Then let us work with loving care,
And help each other burdens bear,
Christ's law fulfill in word and thought,
Then through our living good is wrought.

In the name of Zenith Chapter, and the members of the Order in this city, I extend every one of you a most cordial welcome, and trust that your stay among us will prove both pleasant and profitable. Your happy, genial faces, is the key that unlocked the door to our several hearts, and bid you enter therein and be warmed by our fraternal love. Again I say welcome, thrice welcome to the Zenith City.

Mary L. McGindley,
A. G. M.

GRAND CHAPTER OF OREGON-1896.

On June 8 the seventh annual convocation of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Oregon, met in Masonic Temple, Portland, with the following regular officers in their stations:—

Margaret E. Kellogg, Grand Matron; J. H. Bridgeford, Grand Patron; F. A. Helm, Associate Grand Matron; John Vert, Associate Grand Patron; Madeleine B. Conkling, Grand Secretary; Gertrude M. Strange, Grand Treasure; Ella E. Detmering, Grand Conductress; Carrie M. Wise, Associate Grand Conductress; Emily McLean, Grand Marshal; Mary Myers, Grand Chaplain; C. H. Janes, Grand Lecturer; Marian Burnett, Grand Organist; Jennie E. Muckle, Grand Adah; Barbara Crabill, Grand Martha.

There was also present the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mary E. Partridge. As she is the first officer of the General Grand Chapter who has visited Oregon, she was enthusiastically received, and the best the city afforded was placed at her disposal.

On Monday evening, the Grand Chapter having called from labor, an elaborate reception was tendered her and a formal address of welcome extended by the Grand Matron. It was fittingly responded to by Sister Partridge. A general welcome was then extended to the Grand Chapter by Miss Van Vleet, which was responded to by Sister F. A. Helm.

There were present about six hundred members O. E. S. and Masons. An interest-

ing musical and literary program was given which was followed by delicious refreshments, provided by the three Portland Chapters.

Sister Partridge, by her gentle manner, earnest words and evident zeal for the Order, won the love of all with whom she came in contact. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet.

The reports from the several officers show a good year's work with more on hand for those coming in.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron spoke in glowing terms of the efficiency of the first three officers, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Secretary.

On Tuesday evening the Grand Chapter was invited to witness the exemplification of the work by Martha Washington and Myrtle Chapters. It was most beautifully and perfectly presented, the intricate marches in the floral work eliciting spontaneous applause.

It was with regret we learned that Sister Partridge could not remain to install the new officers. They were, therefore, installed by the retiring Worthy Grand Matron.

The names are as follows:

John Vert, Pendleton, Grand Patron.

Mrs. F. A. Helm, Corvallis, Grand Matron.

C. H. Janes, Albany, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Margaret Lutke, Portland, Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Madeleine Conkling, Roseburg, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Strange, Oregon City, Grand Treasure.

Mrs. Carrie M. Wise, Myrtle Point, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Jennie G. Muckle, St. Helens Associate Grand Conductress.

Sister Kellogg and Brother Bridgeford make excellent presiding officers, and accomplished much work, the effect of which will be seen in the renewed energy carried home to the subordinate Chapter by their representative to the Grand Chapter.

A resolution was offered that each Chapter take some paper devoted to the interests of the Order. Several glowing tributes were paid to the merits of "THE EASTERN STAR" which are heartily endorsed by:

Jean Malcolm.

WASHINGTON GLEANINGS.

At last we have some thing to talk about. No less an event than a visit from Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Partridge was the guest of the Grand Chapter of Washington, at its eighth annual session, held in Seattle, on June 11th and 12th.

On the morning of the 11th, a reception was given by Grand Chapter in her honor in the parlors of the Hotel Diller. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Alice Taylor, Mrs. R. A. Palmer, Mrs. Winnifred Hare, Mrs. Helen E. Shannon, and Mrs. Mary A.

Amos, Past Grand Matrons. From 10 to 12 several hundred guests availed themselves, of this opportunity to greet Mrs. Partridge and welcome her to this jurisdiction. By the ready tact which characterizes her, Mrs. Partridge changed many of these acquaintances to personal friends. During the reception, ices were daintily served in adjoining rooms.

The Grand Chapter convened at 2 p. m. in Masonic Temple. Sister Partridge was welcomed by the Grand Matron and received with honors, which she acknowledged by a graceful response.

The address of welcome to the Grand Chapter, by Sister Hughes, Worthy Matron of Lorraine Chapter, of Seattle, was responded to in behalf of the Grand Chapter by Sister Mary E. Fenton, of Spokane, Associate Grand Matron.

The address of the Grand Matron, Alice Taylor, was a very able one and deserves to be given in full.

The report of Libbie Demorest, Grand Secretary, showed an increase both in the number of Chapters and in individual membership during the year. Grand Treasurer Amanda Rinehart reported a cash balance on hand of over \$2,000. After the standing committees had been filled the Grand Chapter was called off until 8 p. m.

In the evening an excellent exemplification of the ritual work and floral work by Golden Rod Chapter, was followed by a banquet by Lorraine Chapter. Full five hundred guests were present. Bro. A. L. Palmer presided, and the various toasts were responded to by J. M. Taylor, Past Grand Patron; Rev. Egan, of Walla Walla, Grand Chaplain; H. W. Tyler, Past Grand Patron; Mary A. Amos, Past Grand Matron; and Emma P. Chadwick, Grand Marshal. Mrs. R. A. Palmer, as president of Lorraine Auxiliary presented Mrs. Partridge with a satin badge, with hand painted emblems and appropriate flowers. In accepting, Mrs. Partridge thanked the donors, and spoke eloquently of the bond that draws each and each to all in our order.

The Auxiliary had also prepared water color stars on which the floral emblems were painted, as souvenirs for each guest.

Friday was a hard days session, devoted mainly to revising the constitution. Election of officers was a special order for 8 p. m. and at 10 p. m. the following were installed.

Mary C. Fenton, Spokane, Grand Matron.
Mark E. Reed, Olympia, Grand Patron.

Lou Jordan, Snohomish, Associate Grand Matron.

Thomas Mairs, Chehalis, Associate Grand Patron.

Libbie J. Demorest, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

Amanda Rinehart, Seattle, Grand Treasurer.

Florence McLean, Spargue, Grand Conductress.

Emma Chadwick, Colfax, Associate Grand Conductress.

These together with the appointed officers, were installed by Alice Taylor, Grand Matron, and Sister Van Patten, of Dayton, who acted as Grand Marshal.

Sister Partridge left Seattle Saturday for Tacoma, where a reception was given her by the several local Chapters. From there she went to Wallace and other places in Idaho. Her visit has been much appreciated here and we believe it will result in a stronger bond and more harmonious relation between the Grand Chapter of Washington and the General Grand Chapter.

M.

GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH DAKOTA-1896.

The Grand Chapter was one of the largest in attendance, as well as one of the most profitable sessions yet held by the Order in this State. It is a matter of gratification to Brookings and its local Chapter that it is so. It may be accounted for by the reason of the reputation our city has for beauty of location and the generous hospitality of her people and certainly no Chapter in the State has finer or more commodious quarters for such a meeting than Brookings Chapter, No. 15.

The Grand Chapter was opened by Mrs. Hattie Downie, Grand Matron. John Banks Grand Patron was unable to be present on account of the sickness of Mrs. Banks, and M. G. Carlisle, Associate Grand Patron, filled that office, while Adam Royhl, of Arlington, was appointed to Mr. Carlisle's place. Mrs. H. I. Stearns, of Brookings, was appointed Grand Marshal, Mrs. Geo. W. Pond, of Brookings, organist, and Mrs. Nancy Howard, of Aderdeen, Grand Esther.

The grand officers present were: Mrs. Hattie Downie, Grand Matron; M. G. Carlisle, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. F. R. Roddle, Associate Grand Matron; Adam Royhl, as Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Mary A. Groesbeck, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Mina Tobin, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Ira Sweetman, Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Alice Lockhart, Grand Chaplain; Mrs. H. I. Stearns, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Eva Grattan, Grand Warder; Edward S. Lorimor, Grand Sentinel; Mrs. Madge M. Williams, Grand Adah; Mrs. Margaret Taubman, Grand Ruth; Mrs. Nancy Howard, Grand Esther; Mrs. Jennette E. Herried, Grand Martha; Mrs. Henrietta Stephens, Grand Electa; Mrs. Geo. W. Pond, Grand Organist.

At the afternoon session the usual committees were appointed and the Grand Patron's address was read. The address of the Grand Matron merits more than a passing mention. It was teeming with thoughtful suggestions for the good of the order and was a well written document.

The secretary's report which was referred to the finance committee reveals some interesting facts. The total membership in good standing is 1,748. The number of Chapters 35, two of which are working under dispensation. Of this number 28 Chapters were represented in Grand Chapter by 77 regular delegates, this not including the Grand Officers.

Charters were issued during the year to Eureka Chapter, Fern Leaf, Bryant; Bethany, Arlington, Lacotah, Plankinton, Meriam, Dell Rapids; Friendship, Salem; and Keystone, Faulkton. Dispensations were issued to Rising Sun Chapter at Blunt, and Naomi Chapter at Fredrick.

Receipts during the year from all sources \$1,352.32. Expenditures \$853.32 leaving a balance of \$499 on hand.

Madison Chapter has the largest enrolled membership in good standing, of any Chap-

ter in the State having eighty-seven to her credit. Brookings follows with eighty-six, Minerva Chapter, of Aberdeen, has eighty-three, and Martha Chapter, of Hot Springs, has eighty-one.

The first evening was entirely taken up by the local Chapter conferring the degrees of the order upon Dr. W. H. Everhard, of Volga. The floral team contributed some very beautiful features and altogether it was pronounced as creditable a piece of work as has ever been done before the Grand Chapter, if not the best.

Including delegates and visitors there were over 225 members of the order present to witness these beautiful ceremonies which occupied the time until midnight, after which light refreshments were served.

H. I. Stearns made an address of welcome on behalf of the Local Chapter and which was responded to by Mrs. T. H. Brown, of Sioux Falls. On behalf of the city, Mayor Hyde then turned over the city to our guests, and Mr. M. G. Carlisle on the part of the Grand Chapter accepted the keys and hospitality offered in a graceful manner.

Wednesday was taken up by Grand Chapter sessions at which considerable routine business was transacted. Committee reports were received, discussed, and much of importance and interest to the Order were passed upon. On Wednesday evening occurred the annual election.

The election of officers brought out no considerable contest. Mrs. W. H. Roddle, of this city, was selected Grand Matron on the first ballot. The other elective offices were filled as follows: Grand Associate Matron Mrs. Jeannette E. Herried, of Eureka; Grand Patron, M. G. Carlisle, of DeSmet; Grand Associate Patron, Arthur P. Phillips, of Sioux Falls; Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. M. McCallister, of Madison; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Henriette Stephens, of Springfield. The following appointments were made by the Grand Officers elect; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Hattie Ecker, of Milbank; Grand Marshal, Mrs. Nancy Howard, of Aberdeen; Grand Conductress, Claudia Rudolph, of Canton; Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Cora A. Kenefick, of Dell Rapids; Grand Adah, Mrs. N. Shouweiler, of Elkton; Grand Ruth, Mrs. Lucy Booth, of Arlington; Grand Esther, Mrs. Lizzie D. Laughlin, of Blunt; Grand Martha, Mrs. Vena Doyon, of Redfield; Grand Electa, Mrs. Lizzie S. Elliott, of Salem; Grand Warder Mrs. Emeret Sedam, of St. Lawrence.

Thursday morning the ceremony of installation was performed and the eighth annual session of the Grand Chapter for South Dakota was brought to a close. Sioux Falls was selected as the place of meeting for next year.

Among the resolutions passed by the Grand Chapter were the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter, appreciating the magnificent manner in which its members have been entertained during their visit to Brookings, do hereby

express their heartiest thanks to Brookings Chapter No. 15, to the Masonic Fraternity of the city and to the people of Brookings generally, for the admirable manner in which they have been received and provided for, and the countless courtesies that have been extended them during their stay in this city of homes.

RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter, having witnessed and enjoyed the exemplification of the Floral work by the Brookings Chapter, would recommend that the several subordinate Chapters purchase and use the beautiful work, believing that its general use will prove beneficial and elevating to the Order.

Thursday afternoon was taken up by the local Chapter and the citizens of Brookings in entertaining their guests. Carriages were provided, and preceded by the First Regiment band the procession wended its way through the pleasant streets of the city to the Agriculture college.

At the college the visitors were assembled in the chapel and Vice-President Williams welcomed them in a most hearty manner. After music by the band and some brief remarks by members of the Order and the city mayor, the delegates and visitors were divided into sections and escorted through the buildings, and judging from the remarks made, what they saw was pleasing and in many instances a revelation, to see what young Dakotans were doing in the way of receiving education under able and competent instruction.

Upon their return at six o'clock a banquet was served at Masonic Temple, and not less than 250 people were served in a manner that reflects great credit upon those having the matter in charge.

Toasts, music and a grand good time filled the evening full of good cheer for both the visitors and their entertainers. Space forbids of a mention of the long line of short talks that were made, though the principle features were as follows:

Our Order—Mrs. Sarah Clark.

The Grand Chapter and its Officers—Mrs. C. N. Herried.

Our Guests—R. F. Kerr.

The City and its Entertainers—Mrs. Estella Owen.

Our Hobby—The Side Saddle Goat—Mrs. T. H. Brown.

Man—In His Absence Who Shall Speak for Him?—Mrs. May H. Monks.

Woman—She Needs no Eulogy. She Speaks for Herself—Arthur P. Phillips.

The toast by Mrs. Monks was exceedingly witty and was filled with good humored sarcasm, it deserves more than a passing mention. The remarks were thoroughly enjoyed and the writer discovered that woman's capacity for speech is not confined to home circle.

And now that they are gone, the Register wishes to say that its representative has seldom witnessed a finer or a more intellectual body of women assembled than that composed of the ladies who have just left for their respective homes. They are a credit to the Grand Order which they represent and to the great State of South Dakota.—Register.

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Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscription has expired and their renewal is earnestly solicited.

Were it possible to realize the good prompted by a pleasant word and dropped here and there, we would not be so saving with these, our most beautiful gift.

How much good one derives from the social reunions held by the auxiliary. We are glad to see the spirit manifested at such meetings, and feel assured of the permanent good secured thereby.

Any of our patrons desiring Society address cards should send to THE EASTERN STAR for samples. We carry as fine a line as is published, and will be glad to send samples and receive your orders.

Ho! All ye merry picnickers! be up and doing with the sun, for these bright, happy days are yours, to promote sociability among your members, and the summer season should not be allowed to vanish, without a picnic or two.—In order—rain.

About July 10, E. A. Armstrong M'fg. Co. will remove to 300 Wabash Avenue, next building north of the Auditorium—where

with more room and increased facilities they will serve all patrons promptly—all desiring Secret Society and Military goods should give them a call.

Masonic books for sale—Bound volumes of "The Masonic Review," bound in black or dark cloth and in excellent condition—these books date from 1837 to 1889. "Mason Advocate" bound in cloth from 1871 to 1888. Any one desiring to purchase please address THE EASTERN STAR.

Sisters, please do not forget that there is never a vacation for THE EASTERN STAR, except the vacation may be made necessary by the failure of the sisters in making response to the calls for news or for subscriptions. Remember that both are necessary to make the "wheels go round."

Sister Melissa Blodgett and Sister Kate Metcalf, who were recently bereaved through the death of their mother, Mrs. Hannah Metcalf, are both Past Matrons of Queen Esther Chapter, and Sister Metcalf is one of the firm of THE EASTERN STAR. In their loss they have the love and sympathy of the Chapter.

Again the home of THE EASTERN STAR was invaded, and she who was for nearly two years the presiding genius of the Type room, has changed her occupation. She now presides over a home of her own, and we are left to mourn the loss of a faithful helper. THE EASTERN STAR extends to Mrs. Lucy Clifton—formerly Miss Lucy Balcom—its very best wishes for a happy and prosperous life, in which the members of the Order with whom she has acquaintance all join.

The question often recurs to the thoughtful, whether or not the prevailing fashion of closing up the home for the summer months, and dividing the family, is altogether a wise one. Of course the mother of every household should have a season, however brief, free from the care of home duties. She should come back to them much better prepared to meet the responsibilities and discharge the duties. But rest does not come when she goes from home accompanied by the children, for strange places and new conditions are seldom, with children, conducive to good behavior.

Little by little the prejudice that existed against the order of the Eastern Star is passing away and giving place to favorable consideration. It is difficult to see why it should ever have existed. The women who are relatives of masons are taught that it is only necessary for a mason to be assured of this to render every and any assistance within their power; that service would be given as to their own, and yet they erect elegant Temples, and hope that they may "never echo to

any but manly footsteps." This seems strangely inconsistent. Why not gladly share these elegant surroundings with those who are said to be dearer than life? Surely the thought that the presence of woman desecrates a place, belongs to ages long since past. It has grown to be the rule in these days, with few exceptions, when planning for new quarters, to consider the needs of the Chapter and see that they are provided for. It should have no exceptions.

The bicycle craze has literally captured the country, and he or she who is not the possessor of a "wheel" is not "up to date." By those who are lookers-on instead of participants, it sometimes seems that now and then one is the possessor of two wheels, and one is located in the head. It is no doubt, when moderately indulged in, very pleasant, but it has its dangers. The chief one which presents itself to the thoughtful, is the promiscuous mingling of wheelmen and wheelwomen, young and old, grave or gay, without previous acquaintance or even knowledge of each other. It is no uncommon thing to see, evening after evening, a crowd of young people—among them girls and boys still in their teens—at nearly midnight spinning their wheels. The runs are usually made to the country, and all dismount for a rest in some quiet spot before making the return trip. That this fashion of wheeling may be improved by the addition to the party of one or two mothers and fathers, goes without saying.

There is nothing that counts more against the success of a Chapter than the absence of its officers. They are obligated, not only for the initiatory work, but for Chapter meetings whenever they occur, and should be always there and ready, except prevented by sickness. It would seem strange in a Worthy Matron to excuse herself from Chapter meeting because she thought there were no candidates, and she is no more bound by her obligation of office than any other officer. It should be a rare exception when an officer absents herself from a Chapter meeting, and attendance should not be a matter of pleasure but of duty also. The responsibility of the Worthy Matron can only be acceptably met when every officer is in her place at the appointed time and ready for work, cheerfully entering into any measure that is deemed by the Worthy Matron for the interest and welfare of the Chapter. It is easy to bring into a Chapter a feeling of discontent and indifference, if the officers do not enter heartily into the work, giving to it their very best efforts, and in the same measure can interest be increased and pleasure found in a Chapter where all are earnest, and even though it may be extremely warm, or for other cause it may not seem to one or two individual officers agreeable or expedient to do this or that which is, possibly, in the nature of an experiment, still, let them yield to the opinion of

the majority, and instead of offering words of discouragement, and manners that plainly imply that they are not in sympathy with the movement, give the best they have and the result will surprise even the most indifferent.

ENTERED INTO REST.

After a pilgrimage of nearly four score years, "God's touched her and she slept," to awaken in Paradise,

"Where loyal hearts and true,
Stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through
In God's most holy sight."

Hannah Metcalf was born March 19, 1817, in Cookshire, Province of Quebec, Canada, on the old Smith farm. Her father, Joseph B. Smith, was one of the first settlers in that part of the country.

At the early age of seven years she was deprived by death of a mother's love and care. Before she had reached her tenth year she had learned a lesson in courage and self-reliance, by being sent on horseback, through the woods to a mill some miles distant with the family grist, as was the custom of the pioneers.

In Cookshire and immediate vicinity her childhood and girlhood years were spent—save a two years residence with her uncle, Gov. Badger of New Hampshire. Here, also, when scarcely eighteen she was wedded to Lucian Metcalf, and by the beautiful service of the Mother Church, they each unto the other plighted their troth. He preceded her to that country from whence no traveler returns.

A few years of their married life was spent in Sherbrook, some twenty miles distant from the home of her birth, and about forty years of it was spent among the scenes of her childhood. Here, twelve children came into the home, four of whom in early infancy were called hence. Eight children, five sons and three daughters, grew to manhood and womanhood, and all but one—her son David who entered into rest in February—survive her; of these, the eldest, Mrs. John Duncan still lives in Canada; one, Frank, is a resident of Montana, two sons, John S. and William, live in Evanston and Chicago, Ill., while three, George W., Miss Kate—the youngest—and Mrs. Frederick Blodgett, are residents of Indianapolis, Ind.

In May, 1876, Mrs. Metcalf came to Indianapolis, and in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Blodgett, she has been surrounded with every comfort that loving children could bestow.

Among the families there are seventeen grand children and three great grand children.

While for a few years past Mrs. Metcalf has been slightly ailing, her last illness was but of a few days. She was a sufferer from diabetes, and heart failure ended the strife.

Five of her surviving seven children were

with her when the final summons came, and no wish that "Mother" expressed was left ungratified.

From the home where she had pleasantly and peacefully spent her declining years, she was borne to her final resting place. The Rev. Andrew J. Graham, rector of Christ—Episcopal—Church of which Mrs. Blodgett and Miss Metcalf are communicants, officiated. The floral tributes of many friends testified to the love and esteem in which she was held.

Mrs. Metcalf was singularly well preserved, and few could realize as they met her in the home that for her there had been counted nearly eighty years.

Domestic in her taste, she did not reach beyond the few choice friends to whom she was always true and steadfast. She realized the responsibilities of wifehood and motherhood, and discharged them with remarkable fidelity. Endowed by nature with a sensitiveness which shrank from criticism or censure, she was firm in her adherence to the principles of honor and justice. To her a good name was far more to be desired than riches.

Frugality was to her a virtue, and she possessed the gift of fashioning what to many might seem valueless and unusable into things of beauty and usefulness.

To a marked degree that quality of pride, which, though the years come and go, bearing with them youth and its attractiveness—will never allow a woman to be unmindful of her personal appearance, was one of her characteristics. Life's morning and noonday was well and usefully spent and eventide was reached.

So at eventide, as the sun was sinking in the West and nature was hushing itself to stillness for the night, with the beautiful even song—"Abide with Me," she was lowered into her last resting place until that glad day when "Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee."—Then shall there be songs for sighing, and those who mourn shall be comforted, because in His presence there is only joy and peace.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Haven't we all noticed the skill that vanishes? She paused to watch the boy playing mumbetpeg. "Isn't it remarkable," he said "how cleverly a boy can handle a knife?" "Yes," she answered, with a sigh; "and it's more remarkable to think how he loses it all when he grows up an ought to be able to carve."

During a recent visit to New York Rudyard Kipling made some shrewd remarks about the comparative points of view of the Englishmen, the Frenchmen and the American. "The English," said he, "will die for liberty but care nothing for equality. The Frenchman, on the other hand doesn't really

know what liberty means but he must have equality. As for the Americans he is indifferent to both liberty and equality, and goes in heart and soul for fraternity. This is really the bone of the American nation; so long as a man is a good fellow he can do anything and people will approve, or at least will tolerate it."

To most of us individuals the possession of some first class wheel, our own being usually the best, means content in that direction. Ouida in a recent article on "Ugliness of Modern Life" pointed many of her remarks against the bicycle. Would she have done so, had she known that the jewelers are making pearl handles, ornamenting the wheels of fashion and the handsome leather tool cases with gold and silver monograms? Then too, the fad is to have the machine match the costume. The suggestion comes as a possibility. May not next year's Eastern dress parade in New York be transferred from Fifth Ave. to the Boulevard, the paraders being awheel instead of afoot?

"The passing of the picnic has been brought about by the wheel, surely it is true that "the white gown and ribbons have given place to the leggings and stout Norfolk jackets. There are no screams at spiders, no fainting fits at inoffensive garter snakes. There is no time for the boat on the river, no horse for the long drive, no hammock for the lazy swing. The insipid lemonade and the indigestible cake, the leaden pie of other days are left behind. Ask a bloomer girl to pack up soiled dishes! She would hurl back Chimmie Fadden's most sorrowful "Nit". The hills have forgotten the echoes of college songs for a bicyclist needs his breath. A long day in the country used to mean a loaf under the leafy tents of the wood. Nowadays it means a country run."

Howard Saxby tells this story which seems so characteristic as to warrant its truth;

"I was talking to a very charming Christian lady the other morning about the St. Louis tornado, and remarked that I could not understand how it was that a Supreme Being could allow such calamities to happen, when she said, "We must all die some way, and I for one, will never murmur when my time comes, nor when my husband's time comes. Everything is done for the best."

"But," said I, "suppose you and your husband were sitting quietly on your porch to-night, and I came along with an ax and hit him in the neck, would you think it was entirely in order?"

She thought a moment and then replied; "We are going to a euchre party tonight so Providence has decreed otherwise."

It takes a woman to evade the question every time; still it seemed to me her answer was a most sensible one to my extremely asinine conundrum." L.

leave us at the end of this month, at the next meeting, June 19th. Every member has resolved herself or himself into a committee of one to make this meeting a success and as pleasant for our visitor as possible. There will be a musical and literary programme and a banquet. Sister Chesney has labored with us in an endeavor to make this Chapter a credit to Idaho and to the order of the Eastern Star in general. Through her kindness and willingness to assist upon every occasion, is due the present proficiency of its officers and the interest now maintained.

It was with feelings of absolute dismay that we learned of the M. W. Grand Matron's visit to Washington and Idaho and of her inability to be present with us in this city. Had it been known in time arrangements could have been entered into by which she could have visited here and not been put to much inconvenience either. W. P. C.

ILLINOIS.

June 10th the large and beautiful hall, in Stiles building, Cor. 22 and Millard Ave., Lawndale, Chicago, was well filled to witness the institution of one more Chapter which we feel sure will be a valuable link in the Golden chain that has already lengthened from Maine to California, and has clasped hands with Canada.

Bro. Monroe A. Smith, W. P. of, Queen Esther Chapter, was D. G. P. and conducted the instituting ceremonies in a manner that impressed the new members with the sublimity of the obligation, and beauty of the work, so much so indeed that a brother exclaimed, "I believe it is even better than Masonry, for there we have no Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa." We consider this quite a compliment. Assisting Bro. Smith was Sister Agnes M. Brown as G. Sec.; Sister Carrier, G. Mar.; Sister Haggard G. Con. acted as G. Chap.; Sister May Brown G. M.; Sister Jennie Freeman, A. G. M.; Sister Chester, G. L. and P. G. M. Sister Baxter, G. M.; Sister Walker, P. G. M.; Sister Allie Nichols, Com. on For. Cor. and Sister Jennie Mathews, P. M. W. G. M., were guests of honor and received beautiful flowers. They were conducted to the East and due honor accorded them. A new chapter seldom has so many bright Stars as guests and we hope the luster cast by them may shine undiminished through our lives. The work was exemplified by Sister Chester, W. M.; Monroe A. Smith, W. P.; Mary A. Lane, Asso. M.; Sister Wiley, Sec.; Jane Wood, Treas.; Sister Jennie McClellan Con.; Sister Susie Wornock, A. Con.; Sister Haight, War.; Sister Anna Butler, A. Sister Nellie Monroe, R.; Sister Agnes M. Brown, E.; Sister Jane Morris M.; Sister Sheffield E.; Bro. Haight, Sen.; Sister Haggard, Chap.; Sister N. Barnard, Org. At a late hour, after being served with a sumptuous banquet, the guests departed wishing many God speeds to the new Chapter, to be known as Columbian. The first regular meeting will be held in the same hall

on Monday July 13th, at which time the above officers have consented to exemplify the beautiful ritual work for the instruction of the officers. Anna P. Scott, W. M.; Augusta McCallister, A. M.; J. H. Porter, W. P.

IOWA.

Electa Chapter, Muscatine, celebrated its thirtieth anniversary May 27 at Masonic Hall. A feast was served at seven o'clock to the members and families, which included about one hundred. Following came a delightful programme lasting more than an hour, and which was completed all too soon.

The programme consisted of an address by Mrs. Emma Dean W. M., followed by songs, recitations, duets, solos. It would take too much space to give the W. M.'s address, but she gave a cordial greeting, and a warm welcome to our thirtieth anniversary. She said it was good to lay aside for a few hours all care, to meet and cultivate the spirit of social good feeling which is one of the strongest characteristics of our order. She gave the history of the order from time to time. She then invited all to remain for a social and they all seemed to take part in that and enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

The anniversary was spent very pleasantly. We have initiated thirteen in the last few months and affiliated three. My wish is a long and successful life to the Electa Chapter.—A. C. Ayers, Sec.

Iowa is by no means asleep, although it has been some little time since I have been able to write you. I have visited sixty Chapters, and find them wide awake in interest in the work. Since the last new Chapters reported organized, I have instituted six others with names and officers as follows:—Hope Chapter, Penora, Miss Anna Wildman, W. M.; J. M. Kline, W. P.; Mrs. F. A. Roberts, Sec.; Woodbine Chapter, Woodbine, Mrs. Ella Stephens, W. M.; Dr. J. Giddings, W. P.; H. C. Harshbarger, Sec.; Agatha Chapter, Neola, Mrs. Harriett Mendel, W. M., N. E. Remington, W. P.; Mrs. M. Johnson, Sec.; Sunshine Chapter, Hamburg, Mrs. Susan Lovelady, W. M.; Dr. C. E. Hoover, W. P.; Mrs. Minnie L. Goldberg, Sec.; Golden Rule Chapter, Atlantic, Mrs. Laura Clauson, W. M.; H. L. Frost, W. P.; L. E. Hollowell, Sec.; Logan Chapter, Logan, Mrs. Laura A. Stearn, W. M.; F. D. Stearns, W. P.; Mrs. Retta B. Johnson, Sec. J. A. R.

Cedar Chapter, Cedar Rapids, on Tuesday evening, June 20th, initiated one candidate after which the Sisters entertained the members and friends with Mrs. Maria Jackson's play, "Female Masonry a la Lease" (new version), after which refreshments were served in the dining hall and a very enjoyable evening spent.

KANSAS.

May 20 was the regular meeting of Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka. After the usual routine of business an informal reception was tendered Mrs. Ellen A. Kenner in honor of her

election as G. M. of Kansas, and the reception was chosen as the most fitting way to show appreciation of the high honor conferred upon her.

An interesting programme, consisting of vocal music and informal talks by members of the Chapter, was rendered.

Sister Miller W. M. in the name of the Chapter, presented her with a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers. Sister Miller's speech was appropriate and well delivered, to which Sister Kenner responded in a very pleasing manner. The reception was a complete surprise to Sister Kenner, who went to the Chapter room expecting to attend the regular meeting. Delicious ice cream and cake were served in the banquet room.

Thursday June 11th Sister Helen B. Farnsworth, P. G. M. and Sister Anna King G. E. went to Troy to constitute Troy Chapter.

Friday constituted Zenith Chapter at Hiawatha, and on Tuesday June 16th, instituted Hoyt Chapter W. D. These are very promising Chapters and we bespeak for each a bright future. There is much enthusiasm throughout the State and good work is being done.

Byington Chapter was constituted May 22 by Sister Farnsworth P. G. M and Sister King G. E. This same Chapter was instituted by the same Sisters three months ago with 20 charter members, and during this time 59 have been initiated. Much credit is due Sister Byington and her corps of officers. During the exercises Sister Farnsworth presented Sister Byington a bouquet of white roses and carnations. The points of the Star were conducted to the east and flowers symbolizing their several points were presented to them, while the virtues of the heroines they represented were recited in verse, after which two candidates were conducted through the labyrinth of the Star. Sister Byington as G. Mar of the Grand Chapter, was conducted to the East and received the Grand honors. Rev. Atwood in a few well chosen words presented Sister Farnsworth with an elegant gold chain as a souvenir of the occasion.

We then repaired to the banquet hall to partake of the good things awaiting us.

A. K.

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter, located in Baltimore held its annual basket picnic, June 18th, at Sollers Point, the beautiful pleasure shore near Bear Creek; a large number of members with their families and friends were present. Boating, fishing and crabbing were indulged in. John A. Becker, D. G. P. was present with his camera. He grouped the Chapter members, and from his well known success as an amateur photographer undoubtedly will produce a good picture. The ladies of the Chapter furnished dinners and suppers to all present. The fish used were the best that the Chesapeake Bay can produce, and they were taken from life-boxes near the shore. Mrs. Sue T. Crossmore, the chairman of the com-

dancing by Blanche Banfield and by Florence Stone. P. G. P., John P. Loring, made some very pleasing remarks on the rise and progress of the Order in eastern Massachusetts and at large. At this juncture, Bro. Scott, W. P. of Blue Hill Chapter, desiring to be heard, thanked the officers of Vesta for conferring the degrees upon the charter members of Blue Hill Chapter, and brought in a very elegant basket of flowers, which the W. M., Sister Davis, presented in behalf of her Chapter, in token of appreciation of that service. Although taken by surprise, Sister Marston courteously accepted the gift, after which she called upon P. G. P., Jos. W. Hill,—the first W. P. of Vesta, who gave an extemporaneous sketch of the organization of Vesta and of the Order, with statistics of its growth to the present day. This closed the entertainment, after which the time was spent socially and at the table until a late hour. June 10, Vesta Chapter exemplified the Work for the benefit of the officers of Blue Hill Chapter, a large delegation being present from that Chapter, also visitors from Ruth and Mystic Chapters. Refreshments were served. R. E. L.

Golden Chapter will hold its regular meeting Friday evening June 19th, after which it will close its doors till September 4th. Many of its members spend the months of July and August at the sea shore or mountains and so it seems best to discontinue the meetings during these two months. Let no one think however, that interest in the work wanes. We always part with something to which we look forward when we meet again. This time it is a sale which is to be held in the fall. Each sister is pledged to furnish at least one article: this will give us something to do during the long summer hours and help to keep us from ennui. For as "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," so too much leisure is a weariness to the busy workers of the O. E. S.

The evening of May 29th was very pleasant occasion to the members of Golden Chapter. Mrs. Ethel Reed, A. M., opened her beautiful home for a reception, planned by the Chapter in honor of Mrs. Effie M. Carson, our newly elected G. M., and Mrs. Louise J. Provin, P. G. M.; Mrs. Agnes C. Borga, W. M. and Mrs. Lizzie M. Dewey, G. Mar. received with these sisters, Mrs. Bina Colton, P. M. S. and Mrs. Ella Crowell presided at the table. Mrs. Albina Bartlett, Con., assisted in serving dainty refreshments, consisting of cake, coffee, ices, etc. This reception which was a social affair was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by the members of Golden Chapter.

A very interesting meeting of Mystic Chapter, East Boston, was held June 15, followed by a social at which strawberries, cake and ice cream were served. A table contained the childhood pictures of the members and considerable amusement was occasioned by trying to guess to whom they belonged. There were about a hundred present—fifteen coming from Highland Chapter.

MINNESOTA.

April 30, Gold Leaf Chapter at Graceville, witnessed the marriage of their W. M., Mrs. Estelle Van Slyke to David Fuller. Both are prominent society people. They will reside at 3132 Grand Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.

At a meeting of Constellation Chapter, May 6, Brother A. P. Swannstrom, P. G. P. presented the Chapter with a handsome silk American flag which was given the post of honor. A committee was appointed to arrange for the entertainment of members of the Order who will be in the city during the National Encampment of the G. A. R.

Winslow Louis Chapter recently gave the farce entitled Alpha and Omega, or Female Masonry at Plymouth Chapter room for the benefit of their Chapter to a crowded house.

Sister Mary L. McGridley G. M. spent the week following G. C. in Minneapolis as the guest of her nephew, H. L. Kyle. It was the occasion of the reunion of members of the family who had been separated for years. She received many courtesies from members of Minneapolis Chapter, among them being an elaborate dinner by Mrs. H. M. Myers, and a delightful day accompanied by Mary C. Taylor P. W. G. M. as the guest of sister Ida Wing Brown and husband, visiting the many beautiful places of interest about the city and vicinity.

May 25 was an occasion of more than ordinary interest to Stillwater Chapter. One of their number, a brother who had been their W. P. since organization had been chosen to fill the exalted position of G. P., but owing to his being obliged to leave Duluth before his election had not been installed. This evening being the regular meeting of their Chapter, was chosen for the installation ceremony, also for the election of a W. P. The G. M. having been hastily summoned home that day, your correspondent had the honor and pleasure of installing Brother Warren as G. P. of Minnesota. The election of Brother Warren has been a very great gratification to me and I thought as I journeyed towards Stillwater "How pleased the Chapter will be." Very soon after my arrival, however, I found that I had come to a house where joy and sorrow were so evenly divided that it was hard to tell which predominated. Joy to feel that Brother Warren and their Chapter had been thus honored, or sorrow to find that in gaining a G. P. they lost the earnest, faithful W. P. whose efforts in their behalf, had in a great measure insured the success of the Chapter. As Brother Warren stepped from his accustomed place leaving a "Vacant chair" there were tears in the eyes of every one present. After the installation as I introduced him as their G. P. and told them that I felt sure he would never lose his interest in them as a Chapter, but would only work the harder, and as our Brother spoke to them in his earnest way of his love for them, tears gave place to smiles, and they tried at least, to feel that it had been to them a gain. Brother Warren may well feel proud of his Chapter.

Sister Willard, W. M., is one of the finest presiding officers in the State and it would be hard to find a corps of officers more proficient. By the unanimous vote of the Chapter, Brother Leonard Clark was elected W. P. He responded to a call for a speech by telling them he should earnestly try to fill the position acceptably. I then installed him. I was assisted in both ceremonies by Sister Clara Huntington G. Mar. Refreshments were served and a social visit enjoyed. Among the guests present were Sister and Brother H. M. Myers, Sister and Brother Wm. Walker and Sister H. T. Kyle, of Minneapolis Chapter and Sister Clara Huntington G. Mar. and daughter of Harmony Chapter.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of a three hours visit with Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y at St. Paul, while waiting over a train enroute for North Dakota to attend the annual session of their G. C. which she organized one year ago. We shall look for one of our sisters's interesting letters giving an account of her trip.

We are exceedingly disappointed at receiving a letter from Sister Pitkin that it would be impossible for her to stop in Minneapolis on her return as she intended. We had planned for her entertainment and a good visit.

Sister Victoria C. Little, P. G. M. of Minnesota and Sec'y of Virginia Chapter, Tracy, died at the Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, June 11, where she had gone for a surgical operation. The news of Sister Little's sudden death will be a great shock to her many friends in Minnesota, as she was present at the G. C. meeting in Duluth, and was to all appearance in good health. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her stricken family.

MARY C. TAYLOR, Press Cor.

OHIO.

Lake Erie Chapter, Ashtabula, entertained guests in honor of its fifth birthday. May 22nd was an occasion long to be remembered not only by the members of Lake Erie Chapter but also by the many invited guests present. Representatives from seven different Chapters were present to enjoy the fifth anniversary of this large and very flourishing Chapter. Among the more prominent invited guests present were Gertrude B. Williams, G. M.; O. B. Clark, G. P.; Ella B. Shearer, G. Sec.; Jennie M. Kingsley, G. T.; R. J. McClintock, P. G. M.; and Ada E. Gaskell, P. G. M., who is a member of Lake Erie Chapter, and at present its honored secretary, having served the Chapter two years and a half as its W. M.

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AN INDIANA GROUP.

It is a pleasure to present to the readers of THE EASTERN STAR this group of Indiana woman. In the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps, **they** have served successfully as Department President, and among the readers there are many whose names are enrolled on Corps Rosters, who will enjoy this opportunity of meeting some of Indiana's workers. However, they are not only work-

ers for the "veteran and his dependent ones," but eight of the ten who form this group have traversed the labyrinth of our Star. Sister Alice E. Griffin, who served Indiana as its first Department President, is a resident of Elkhart and a member of Elkhart Chapter. Sister Laura Hess, who is at present a resident of Indianapolis, her husband being a State officer, was the first Worthy Matron of Wabash Chapter, where she still retains her

membership. Sister Ida S. McBride and her husband, Brother Robert W. McBride—Past Patron of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, received the degrees nearly thirty years ago, but in those earlier years Chapter life was, as a rule, of short duration. On their removal to Indianapolis, they, with their two daughters, united with Queen Esther Chapter. Sister Agnes Hitt is also a member of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianap-



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continually close the avenues to the heart, and rank weeds spring up along the untrodden, deserted and lonely paths.

Blessings on the man who drops a word which helps us to throw open the doorways to the heart! Blessings on the voice that calls back the memories of happy, laughing by-gone days. Blessings on him who by voice, look, act, helps us to keep bright the hinges which swing back and forth, admitting to our souls better thoughts, purer motives, more generous impulses and holier aspirations!—Selected.

OUR CALIFORNIA LETTER.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—My next journey was to the south coast—to beautiful Santa Barbara. I have never realized, as now the variety of soil and climate that can be found in California. Entirely different soil, climate and productions from those I met on my trip to the Humboldt and north. But one thing is the same in every nook and corner of our great State and that is the open-hearted hospitality which has greeted me wherever I have been. The valley hamlet, the busy mining town, the cities, all possess in the same degree that truly Masonic desire to entertain strangers, and, while I never consider myself a stranger to a Mason of Lodge or Chapter, I can realize what such a welcome would mean to one "travelling from afar." My first stop was at Watsonville, a pretty town in the Pajaro Valley. Here the sugar-beet is the great industry, although the fertility of the soil warrants the planting of almost any crop. A largely attended meeting, with six candidates for initiation, and the temperature modified by ice-cream, all conspired to make the occasion a pleasant one. Truly Lily of the Valley Chapter is well named.

Next day to Pacific Grove, the city by the sea, famous for Methodist conferences, Chautauqua Societies and the like. The attendance was small at Chapter, but this was owing to the fact that the busy season is over, and many members were on vacation and visiting other parts of the State. Those present seemed to have the welfare of the Order at heart. A new hall is talked of which is greatly to be desired.

Leaving the rocks and sands of the ocean shore, next morning found me on the way south, up the valley of the Salinas River. Wheat and barley fields, with golden stubble, dazzled my eyes for miles and miles. The valley gradually grows narrower, and although the grade is scarcely perceptible, we are "getting up in the world." This becomes manifest when the mountains on each side close together, driving us into a long tunnel, emerging from which we find ourselves high up on the side of a range, and the question is how to get down. Skillful engineering solves the question, and a few minutes of tortuous windings, steep grades and dark tunnels

bring us to the level country and the city of San Luis Obispo.

Change to the narrow gauge cars, thirty miles more of valley and Santa Maria is reached. A brother attends me to the hotel, and to Chapter, where are assembled those who know well how to work and how to agree. An evening well spent with the brothers and sisters, a night's rest, the morning devoted to walking abroad and conversing with the brethren, and the afternoon finds me driving fifteen miles against a cold fog to Arroyo Grande. This Chapter has been rather discouraged, being in a small town which has suffered much from the financial depression. We held a pleasant meeting in the Patron's parlor, the hall being otherwise occupied, and all seemed encouraged.

Next day back to San Luis Obispo and south by the broad gauge to its termination at the mouth of the Santa Ynez river. Here are miles of shifting sand dunes, interspersed with a few fertile spots. A broad, level road leads to Lompoc. I enjoyed the ride by moonlight high up beside the driver. Six horses took us over the ten miles in a short time.

At Lompoc I remained over Sunday, spending the afternoon with Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Mattie Farnum. Brother Farnum is a very enthusiastic worker and we hope soon to have a Chapter established here. If so, it will be the third or fourth organized by the efforts of Brother and Sister Farnum.

Monday morning early I mounted the stage again for a sixty-five mile ride, first over a series of mountains devoted to cattle raising, barren of timber except in the canyons then coming out on the ocean shore. Now for thirty miles we skirt close along the beach going down into deep barrancas every few miles. The mountain range close to the ocean is of a peculiar formation—layers of indurated clay, of sandstone, limestone and flint, only a few inches thick and twisted into every possible position, all utterly barren of vegetation. Then we find, where the Mesa widens, fields of grain, orchards of prunes and olives and pumpkins galore. Santa Barbara in all its beauty soon appears and the rest of the night is welcome. Marguerite Chapter is one of our bright stars and my visit there was a pleasant one.

Then as I had a day to spare, I went to the famed Ojai valley where consumptives are said to turn back to the world even from the gates of death. Ten miles of sprinkled roads and six of gravel bring us there. I found plenty of climate but nothing else. Still there is room for more people and many improvements.

Ventura—the land of beans. Beans by the acre, by the ton, by the six mule load, by the warehouse full. Boston beans, brown beans, Spanish frijoles, and best of all, Lima beans. This is the great industry here. There are also great orchards of walnuts, with a few lemons and other fruits. Ventura Chapter came out in force and after the work the Masons

were invited in and I gave them a little talk, which I hope will result in many of them joining the Order. Over the mountains again by another and steeper route, forty miles to the narrow gauge terminus at Los Olivos, then again to San Luis Obispo, where I had a pleasant visit with Corona Chapter. Home again for a few days and then for the mining regions in the Sierra foot hills. First to Sonora, an old mining town which is now booming with new enterprises. In many respects the scenes of early days are to be witnessed but of course new men and new methods prevail. The Chapter here is new but bright and it is the means of much good.

To Angels Camp where the great Utica mine is situated. One hundred and twenty stamps pounding away make a din that can be heard for miles. I was shown the different processes of reduction and the vast machinery used.

Angels has certainly some who are worthy of the name and I felt "great freedom" while addressing such an intelligent Chapter.

Then to St. Andreas. Azalia Chapter was about extinct at its old location, but a removal to this place has given it new life, and it bids fair to do good work; has more than doubled its membership. The same can be said of Queen Esther Chapter, lately removed to Sutter Creek. They have a good field and are busy workers.

This was my last visit. Home over rough roads, and now for Grand Chapter next week, thus finishing over fifteen thousand miles of travel, one hundred and fifty visits to one hundred and seventeen Chapters, and I hope a little good done. At least, we have added over one thousand, one hundred to our membership.

Faternally,

JAMES B. MERRITT, Grand Patron.

Are women more selfish and less considerate than men? They are often accused of the most deliberate cruelty—especially toward each other. Perhaps the truth is that a woman's selfishness is more noticeable than a man's. She does not do a selfish act with that matter of fact air which a man always wears on such occasions—perhaps because her conscience is more tender and the proddings of her guardian angel more sharp. Whatever the cause, she has the reputation of being able to do malicious things and selfish things with a coolness of manner that takes away the observer's breath. But outside "society novels" and the comic weeklies, she doesn't manifest selfishness nor cruelty without forfeiting the respect and good opinion of right thinking people. She can't "elbow" past people either in society or in market, without a corresponding loss of good opinion. A lady of civilization learns to overcome—or at least conceal—the lingering instincts of savagery that we all have to a greater or less degree.

at many a missionary meeting or post-office debate. Some said it was to be a big tomb for himself, and some said it was money for a Sunday-school chapel, while others said it would endow a home for the aged, and some thought it would be a park, though why Arden needed a park when the whole village was a park itself wasn't explained. But Richard Clyde was honest and his bank safe, and his business advice to be relied upon. The young men he took into his bank went from there to successful positions in the big cities and big politicians from the cities came to consult with him and get his influence, so the village overlooked his lack of sociability and felt proud that Richard Jennings Clyde wrote Arden as his post-office address.

But to Mrs. Sydnor who seldom stepped beyond her own handkerchief-like patch of garden, and only went into the village to church and to take and deliver sewing, this unexpected gift from so rich and grand a man as Banker Clyde was beyond her comprehension. She closed her door and sat down to think it all out.

"There is some mistake! I know there is some mistake!" she said. "Yet it was left here and his name is on the cover."

Then, thinking, she remembered that last Sunday the preacher had preached a powerful sermon on charity, appealing to the rich to make the Thanksgiving of the poor one of joy and happiness. Looking up, she had caught the eye of Banker Clyde and it seemed to her that he had looked at her with a kindly expression. She had remembered, as she thought of how very near starvation she was, that she had bent her head and prayed that some angel might bless her Thanksgiving. The hamper must have come in answer to her prayer! Her deep religious faith made it all clear! God had touched the heart of the wealthy man; he had remembered the widowed and orphaned, and had sent her the Thanksgiving dinner. Then she bent her head and thanked God for his goodness and asked him to bless the hand that sent the food.

But when she got the rusty hamper and opened the hamper, she sank down beside it and wept. She could not lift it, so she had to take the articles out one by one, and her little cupboard overflowed and the table was covered. There was the grandest turkey, stuffed and ready to go into the pan, big round potatoes with silvery skins, sweet potatoes, golden squash, onions, celery, cranberries, several small pots of preserves, jellies and pickles, a roll of sweet butter and a pat of cheese, a cake frosted with red candies spelling Thanksgiving, pumpkin, mince and apple pies. She never before had seen so grand a meal. She wished she might call in the whole village to eat. She immediately thought of the friends she wanted and regretted that her little table would seat but eight, no matter how much she might stretch and crowd it. Her heart seemed as young as

a girl's and she laughed and sang, and even danced a few steps in joy as she put away the glorious dinner.

She glanced at the clock—half past six; there was much to be done before to-morrow. She ran over in her mind the people who had been kind to her and to whom such a dinner would come but once in their lives. The list was not a large one.

For young folks there was Agnes Murray, who walked with a crutch and whose weak spine made it impossible for her to do any save the daintiest sewing and who had gone to bed hungry many a night; pretty Annie Lewis, whose mother was in the asylum for the insane and whose father had disappeared, and who lived mostly on charity, was another of the younger ones; while fourteen-year old Joe, freckled, awkward and starved, was the other. Then little Mrs. Dynes, from the poor house, should be asked; Mr. Muller, who had been rich once, but who was now old and feeble, and an elderly woman made the list, and she started out to invite them, that they might dream pleasant dreams, knowing they were to have a real Thanksgiving.

Meanwhile, Mr. Clyde, returning from the bank, was greeted by his housekeeper with, "No Thanksgiving hamper, sir!" Ever since he had left the farm where his boyhood was spent, it had been the custom of his mother to send him each Thanksgiving a generous hamper. At her death his married sister had taken up the loving task, and the Thanksgiving dinner from the farm had been one of his delights for years. It was so certain to come and such a matter of course that neither he nor his housekeeper gave it a second thought but expected its arrival with Thanksgiving eve. His family had always been pleased to regard him, a man of fifty, as still a boy, and many and pleasing were the surprises of the hamper. His nephews and nieces took a hand in Uncle Dick's Thanksgiving dinner basket, and each one contributed some delicacy. The boys saved the finest hickory-nuts, walnuts, and butter-nuts, and the girls gathered the rosiest apples, ornamented the cakes and pies and added many loving touches.

Naturally he was thunderstruck when the housekeeper in consternation told him his hamper had not come. Could they be sick, had it gotten lost? Had she tried to find Dan who always brought it? She had done nothing, so hastily swallowing his supper, Mr. Clyde started in pursuit of his beloved hamper, feeling as a boy might feel who had hung up his Christmas stocking and had found it empty. Thanksgiving without his hamper would not be Thanksgiving to him. Being a man used to having his own way, he did not intend to give up without having gotten it or heard from it. He went to Dan's home first, but that individual was away and Mrs. Hogan could tell him nothing.

Then he retraced his steps towards the depot to see if the agent had received the hamper. But his tramp to the little station was

useless, for it was closed and dark. He was at his wit's end, and walked slowly through the little main street of the village, feeling more disappointed than he cared to admit. Just ahead of him were two women but he paid no attention to them until his name caught his ear. He could not tell who they were.

"Well, it should teach us to have faith and to pray unceasingly," one of them said; "God certainly put it into Mr. Clyde's heart to send you the box, for you know that he has never given anything to charity and certainly has never helped a poor person; that is, I have never heard of his doing so."

"I know that he expected me to entertain others with his bounty," said the second voice, "for you should have seen the hamper! My! It was the grandest thing I ever saw. I shall have food enough for a month, for down in the bottom in a separate package were tenderloins, sausages, a smoked ham and a fine can of lard. It made me think of my father's farm, so many good old-fashioned country things in it."

It was his hamper undoubtedly, but how on earth did the woman get it? She didn't act or talk like a woman who had stolen it. Besides, she couldn't have carried it off, it was too heavy. He followed them closely and heard the details of the coming dinner. He heard each one's history and why the generous seamstress decided to invite them to share with her. His heart grew warm toward her as he listened and his conscience pricked him. He thought how he would have sat down alone before a table heavy with good things, and how this poor, starving, little woman was going to share it with six of her friends. He tried to shake off the feeling of his own selfishness but it clung to him. He did not know what to do. He had never given up anything and he was not quite ready to give up his fine dinner. He had rather pay her a large sum of money and have his own particular box.

He went to the stores and made several purchases, then went on to his home. There he found the little Mrs. Sydnor awaiting him. She was plainly overcome at facing so great and rich a man, and her voice trembled as she spoke, but he noted that it was low and sweet, and that despite her poverty and hard work she was a lady of refinement.

"I could not wait until to-morrow to thank you, sir, for your most generous gift," she said. "Coming as it has in answer to my prayer it seems too good to be true. I assure you that you shall not regret your kindness, and know that you will rejoice in the fact that seven people will bless your name to-morrow;" then, as if an after-thought, she continued half to herself, "Indeed, I am going to equally divide all the good things so that they will enjoy the hamper for several days. There is enough there to keep me a whole month."

Mr. Clyde studied her as she spoke. A

charity so broad as hers was beyond his comprehension. She might be shamming, so when she turned to leave and said: "But isn't there some way in which I may thank you? I feel too deeply the debt I owe you not to wish to repay you," an odd thought struck him, his dinner was gone, and he would see if she was really in earnest about giving so much of it to others. "You might invite me to dine with you," he said, "my housekeeper goes away," (this was a subterfuge) "and I should enjoy joining your party." Her face flushed; she could not bear to have any one so grand see her poverty and her very humble home, but hiding her consternation, she smiled sweetly and said: "I assure you, sir, you will be most welcome. We shall expect you at three."

And that was the second step in Dan's blunder. At three o'clock the next day Banker Clyde found himself squeezed in between his hostess and pale Agnes Murray, while Mr. Muller and Mrs. Dynes were his vis-a-vis. Mrs. Sydnor and Annie Lewis, who worshipped the ground she tread upon, had worked hard to get the famous dinner ready on time, and when one's cook stove might go into a doll's house, this is no easy matter. Then dishes and cooking utensils had to be borrowed, and Joe was pressed into service to run errands. But the big turkey came out brown and spicy and the little house was filled with the aroma of the vegetables and the coffee. After Mr. Muller had asked a grace which made Banker Clyde blush and twist in his chair, so fervently did the good old man call down blessings on his head and so heartily did each one respond "amen", there was an awkward pause. There was none to do the carving, so the banker, who had determined to make the day a holiday, offered his services and actually did the carving, while Mrs. Sydnor, whose pretty grey eyes shone like stars and whose cheeks were rosy with cooking, smiled at him from behind the coffee-pot in a way that made him return the smile with interest. Once in the way of things he entered into the spirit of the dinner completely and surprised himself by enjoying so keenly seeing the half-starved people eat the good things that had been prepared for him. He complimented Mrs. Sydnor's cooking and piled each plate high. Joe's appetite called up his boyhood days when he was on the farm and he related many funny incidents of his boyhood days. This stimulated Mr. Muller, who in days of plenty had travelled through many lands and he proved an entertaining talker, so much so that Banker Clyde declared he must go abroad and see the things described for himself.

Darkness was beginning to fall ere the grand dinner was over and the guests departed. Banker Clyde lingered a moment; Annie had gone to escort Mrs. Dynes home, and Mrs. Sydnor was alone.

"It has been the only true Thanksgiving of my life," she said. "How can I ever thank

you?" There were tears in the pretty grey eyes as she held out her hand.

Banker Clyde looked at her and thought of her rare generosity which put him to shame, and of her sweet, womanly nature. He pictured her surrounded by comforts, and the good she would gladly do had she the means. He thought of his own lonely, narrow life, where money was king and ruled with an stern hand.

"May I come again?" he said.

LAURA A. SMITH.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS, 1896.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—We missed your pleasant face and familiar form from the Grand Chapter Session of Illinois, which has just closed, and therefore I take pleasure in sending you a synopsis of our work. Grand Chapter was opened in ample form in Rouse's Hall, Peoria, Tuesday morning, October 13, at ten o'clock, Mrs. May Brown, of Pana, Grand Matron, presiding, with every Grand Officer, except the Chaplain, in place and a large attendance of delegates. Sisters Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Annie Phillips, Grand Matron of Wisconsin, were introduced and given an honored seat in the East.

After appointment of committees our Grand Matron and Grand Patron read beautiful addresses, showing forty-one new Chapters, one revived, and one exchange charter, making forty-three added to our Constellation and also showing a year of unusual activity and prosperity, notwithstanding the financial depression and political excitement. The Reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer showed a splendid financial standing, over six thousand dollars having been received from all sources. Our membership in Illinois is eighteen thousand, six hundred and ninety-five, a net gain over 1895 of two thousand, four hundred and fifty-seven in membership.

Monday evening the Vocal Star was exemplified by Central City Chapter, followed by the Floral addenda, given by Electa Chapter, to a large and appreciative audience; and it is needless to say that the Peoria Chapters did themselves full justice in the beautiful and impressive manner in which they rendered these floral additions to our ritualistic work.

Tuesday's session was taken up with reports of different committees and resolutions. The Home Board reported a farm house purchased at Macon, twelve miles from the city of Decatur, which shall be known as the "Masonic and Eastern Star Home," and one thousand dollars was appropriated for that cause by the Grand Body, and over four hundred dollars in pledges have already been made by the Chapters, and the future outlook for the Home is one which promises good results. Committees on Jurisprudence, Appeals and Grievances and Addresses reported favorably on all matters laid before them, and the

Grand Matron was loyally sustained in all her rulings by the Grand Body. Too much praise cannot be given our Grand Matron for the able and dignified way in which she presided over our deliberations.

Wednesday evening, the Grand Officers exemplified the ritualistic work in an excellent manner, after which Sisters Green and Wickwire gave a beautiful vocal duett, and were heartily encored.

Thursday morning the roll call of credential committee showed the representative vote to be five hundred and sixty, and the election of officers was as follows:

Jennie A. Freeman, Grand Matron, Sidell.

N. D. Ricks, Grand Patron, Taylorville.

Sarah B. Haggard, Associate Grand Matron, Austin.

W. B. Carlock, Associate Grand Patron, Bloomington.

Sopha C. Scott, Grand Secretary, Mattoon.

Sue E. Heath, Grand Treasurer, Champaign.

May Chapman, Grand Conductress, Vienna.

Sadie B. Morrison, Associate Grand Conductress, Ramsey.

Veda Murphy, Grand Adah, Cuba.

Isabel Hunter, Grand Ruth, Mt. Carroll.

Mary McGrath, Grand Esther, Blue Island.

Hattie Weller, Grand Martha, Pana.

Mary Ingram, Grand Electa, Quincy.

Frances M. Hall, Grand Marshal, Havana.

Hattie Phillips, Grand Chaplain, Mt. Carmel.

Lottie J. Wiley, Grand Warder, Chicago.

Emma L. Allison, Grand Organist, Gardner.

F. M. Hocker, Grand Sentinel, Colchester.

Mate L. Chester, Grand Lecturer, Chicago.

Jennie McLellan, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Chicago.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Chapters under dispensation, were installed Wednesday morning, Sister Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, acting as installing officer; Sister Annie Phillips, Grand Matron of Wisconsin, acting as Grand Marshal. The Grand Officers-elect were installed by the retiring Grand Matron, Sister May Brown, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, acting as Grand Marshal.

Some amendments to the By-Laws were offered which were laid over until the next session of our Grand Body. Among the resolutions offered was one limiting our Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's term to three years; a very wise legislation, as our Grand Chapter is growing in numbers and ability and the many bright women in our Order should be given equal chances.

According to our Constitution and By-Laws we return to Chicago for 1897 session, but we left Peoria with warm hearts and many words of praise for their royal welcome, and their fraternal and courteous entertainment. Resolutions were offered to the business men of the city, as well as to the Chapters, for the

loan of fancy chairs, piano and decorations which were so profuse and lovely. Sisters May Brown, Jennie Freeman, Sarah B. Haggard and Sue Heath were recipients of beautiful bouquets from friends.

Central City, No. 42, presented Sister Brown with an ivory and silver gavel with an ebony handle, at the close of the Vocal Star and as a token of our love and esteem for her efficient work, our Grand Chapter presented her with an elegant turquoise and diamond ring, on her retiring from office. Sister Brown expressed her warm thanks for these courtesies.

Electa Chapter, having regular work on Thursday night, extended a cordial invitation to all Grand Officers and visitors remaining to be their guests. The work was given in their usual excellent manner, after which an informal dance was participated in by the light-footed, and refreshing lemonade was served to all.

Thus closed an unusually busy, prosperous session, and every loyal member went home trusting our beautiful teachings would be more closely followed than ever.

A MEMBER.

A PARABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.

[Leander S. Keyser in The Organizer.]

"Has THE WEEK'S DELIGHT come, Hannah?"

"Yes; there it lies on the center table."

Mr. Oswell picked up his favorite weekly paper, glanced admiringly at the handsome cover, then placed his easy chair near the window, and proceeded to read the editorials on the first page; or, rather, he tried to read them. But something seemed to distract his attention; he could not rivet his mind on those glowing paragraphs, do what he would.

The trouble was a tiny but extremely acute arrow had penetrated his bosom, and was sticking in his heart. The disturbance it caused in the action of that member gave him an odd experience. Not only did it prick him, and thus divert his attention from the reading, but it brought a series of panoramas before his fancy like dissolving views.

He seemed to hear the rumble of machinery and lo! before his mind's eye there passed a printer's "pit" or press-room, containing a half dozen or more large cylinder printing-presses, from which was issuing copy after copy of THE WEEK'S DELIGHT, and he noted that all the pressmen were as busy as they could be with their grimy toil.

Then he heard the click of type, and seemed to be transported to a large composing-room, where over a score of type-setters were standing before their cases, their hands flying deftly from the "boxes" to the "sticks." The next minute the editorial rooms swept before him, where men with large but deeply creased brows were bending over illegible manuscripts or laboriously scrawling off copy for the next number of the paper.

Then it seemed that pay-day had come, and this whole company of toilers had gathered

before a window waiting for the reward of their labors. When they had received their money and were gone, Mr. Oswell caught sight of a large pile of paper bills, postage-bills, and bills of many kinds, all of which had to be paid, and paid at once. But Mr. Oswell observed that the business manager's brow was lowering and his face bore a worried expression.

"If only our subscribers would pay—" the business manager was saying.

But Mr. Oswell heard no more. The arrow piercing his heart gave a sudden twitch, causing him such acute pain that he looked at it searchingly for the first time, and behold! the slender shaft reached down to his bosom from the little printed "tab" on his paper. He hastily examined the label.

"Goodness gracious!" he exclaimed; my subscription to this paper is overdue, and of course the publishers need the money to carry on their business. I'll send them a check this minute."

He did that very thing, and, odd as it may seem, the little pricking shaft was at once removed. Mr. Oswell felt happy, and found that he could now read his paper with infinite satisfaction.

Queer how one's conscience will puncture one when one becomes delinquent.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT, 1896.

The Twenty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, New Haven, October 14, with three hundred representatives present. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by Grand Matron, Annie L. Wolcott. All but two of the Grand Officers were present. The Grand Conductress being detained at home by a severe illness, it was voted that a telegram expressive of the sympathy of the members be sent her. The Grand Marshal also was unable to be present. All of the Chapters but one were represented.

The Grand Matron's address was chiefly a resume of her official acts and visits, which were many, and showed that her time had been fully given to the Order. Two new Chapters having been formed during the year it was voted that Charters be granted the same.

The following were escorted to the East and received the Grand Honors: Sisters Drake, Holiday, Walker, Wright, Curtis, Harvey, Grannis, Leeds, Perkins, Past Grand Matrons, and Brothers Dow, Whitney, Buckingham, Bassett, Pellett, Gage, Ripley, Past Grand Patrons.

The Grand Patron's Report showed the prospect of a more rapid growth of the Order in this jurisdiction might be expected, as the Masonic fraternity were putting aside the prejudice formerly existing and recognizing the Eastern Star as a worthy help-meet to the great brotherhood.

The routine business was executed with

promptness; perhaps the most lengthy discussion being "on the proper manner of giving the sign of Martha". The subject matter was finally left to the Grand Lecturer for a decision. The session was, as is usual in this Grand Chapter, harmonious.

The following is the result of the election of officers:

Mrs. Ida Fisk, Grand Matron, Hartford.

William B. Hall, Grand Patron, Wallingford.

Mrs. Mary J. Persons, Associate Grand Matron, Winsted.

Samuel J. Redshaw, Associate Grand Patron, Naugatuck.

Mrs. Amelia Leeds, re-elected, Grand Secretary, New Haven.

Mrs. Henrietta Holiday, Grand Treasurer, New Haven.

Miss Minnie Willis, Grand Conductress, Ansonia.

Miss Clara Georgia, Associate Grand Conductress, Unionville.

The Grand Officers were installed by the retiring Grand Matron, Annie L. Wolcott, assisted by Past Grand Marshal, Helen Pellett, as Grand Marshal.

Sister Henrietta Holiday has served this Grand Chapter many years, chief among them being one year Grand Matron, and eleven years Grand Treasurer. That she has been a faithful, efficient officer was evinced by an unanimous re-election to the office of Grand Treasurer. The newly-installed Grand Matron, in her usual pleasing manner, thanked the members "for the great honor conferred upon", and as we bade each other "good-bye" at the close of the session, we felt that the Order, and all that pertained to its welfare was in efficient hands.

C. B. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died, at her home in Duluth, Minn., Sunday, September 27, Blanche, wife of Brother Wm. Patten, aged thirty years. It is seldom that a death causes more widespread sorrow than that of Sister Patten. Her husband, three motherless little daughters, Zenith Chapter of which she was the honored Associate Matron, and hosts of friends throughout the city, are almost inconsolable at the Providence which has removed from them wife, mother, and true friend.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Dawley, of Minneapolis, her former pastor, on Thursday, and was largely attended. The Sisters of the O. E. S. wore flowers and evergreens, and deposited them in the grave after the Masonic custom.

Central Chapter, Marshalltown, Iowa, mourns the loss of one of its most faithful officers and devoted members, in the death of Sister May Lillie, which occurred September 28, 1896. She came into our Chapter as a charter member, and during the eight years of her pilgrimage through the labyrinth of the

trials and sorrows that have come to our Chapter home, she ever exemplified that "trustful faith" and "heroic endurance" that she manifested in her long conflict of six weeks with typhoid fever. She was very hopeful of recovery until the last, yet willing to submit to the will of her Heavenly Father.

Many petitions for her recovery were sent up, but our Father willed it otherwise, and on October 1, in the "evening-tide of the winter," she was laid to rest in beautiful Riverside, the Chapter having charge of the funeral and conducting its services. Her associates pay loving tribute to her memory through resolutions adopted.

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of Central Chapter, No. 67, Order of Eastern Star.—We, your Committee of condolence report as follows:

WHEREAS, the death angel has again invaded our Chapter and taken a shining link from our golden chain, in the person of our beloved Sister, May Lillie, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and though we deeply deplore our loss, we remember He doeth all things well.

RESOLVED, that we shall miss her pleasant face from our circle, and shall look in vain for her return, but the memory of her many virtues, shall be our guiding star, as we go forth in the journey of life.

RESOLVED, that we sincerely sympathize with the bereaved parents and brother of our deceased Sister. May they have the trustful faith of Martha, and heroic endurance of Electa, to strengthen them in this bereavement. Her memory will ever be cherished in our hearts, and when we work for the living, we will remember the dead.

RESOLVED, that the charter and jewels of this Chapter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread on the records of the Chapter, and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased Sister, and also that a copy be sent to THE EASTERN STAR for publication.

DELIA M. WATERBURY,
LILLIAN NORTON,
C. M. NORTON.
Committee.

As long as men are human, personal differences will arise between them. The laws of the church or the religion of God cannot prevent this, then why should Masonry, which is clearly an institution of man? That Masons are slower to engage in personalities, than other men is equally true, and when, occasionally, they so far forget themselves as to wound a brother's feelings, they should be quick to make reparation and forgive, and when their troubles are once settled this should be an end of it. To prosecute it further is to violate faith, outrage decency and write yourself down an ingrate, especially so if you hide yourself behind the assassin's weapon—anonymous letters.

When your faith is put into the crucible, you may know the "Great Refiner" thinks there is good metal in it.—MOTHER THOMPSON.

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most of the time of her brief stay. Bro. and Sis. Shuler welcomed her to a noon-day meal. Later there was a drive around the town with Bro. and Sis. Burns and Sis. Montgomery. Supper was served at the Harvey House at 7 P. M. for the Chapter and our guest. From the table we adjourned to the hall where we held a special meeting and exemplified the work. Afterwards Sis. Partridge gave us a helpful, encouraging talk and then spent some time answering questions about the work and giving us much needed instruction. The Chapter did not close till almost midnight. Sis. Stone, W. M. of Trinidad Chapter and Sisters Monroe and Hill of the same Chapter came over to attend our meeting and escorted Sis. Partridge to Trinidad the following morning. The work our M. W. G. M. is doing cannot be over-estimated. These outlying Chapters having no G. C. are half-orphans and need all the attention the G. C. can give them. And the difficulties of Sis. Partridge's work! You in the East where there are towns and villages every few miles have absolutely no idea of the trials of such a journey as Sis. Partridge is now taking. For example, she visited the Chapters in Albuquerque and Las Vegas. These two are 120 miles apart with no town of any size between. From Las Vegas to Raton is 110 miles and in order to get here at 7 A. M., she had to leave Las Vegas at 2 o'clock in the morning, after attending a meeting of the Chapter and banquet. Little sleep for her that night. From here to Trinidad is 24 miles over the mountains. In order to reach Ft. Worth, Tex., her next stopping place, she must come back west as far as Albuquerque, 254 miles and then turn and go as much further south. Our little Chapter seems hardly worth the trouble when we recollect that our visitor had to travel 1300 miles from her home to reach us. When the journey is made without interruption, it takes 3 days and nearly 3 nights. All honor to the white-haired sister who leaves home and family to face such trials for the good of the Order. I have seen no notice of the pin presented to Sis. Partridge by her own Chapter, Oak Leaf, No. 8, on her return from the G. G. C. as M. W. G. M. There is first a star, jewel-studded, surrounded by a pentagon. The pentagon has five appropriately-colored stones on each of its five sides. The circle of the G. G. C., set with diamonds, encircles the pentagon and around this is a golden wreath of laurel leaves. The pin contains, I believe, ninety-two diamonds, besides other precious stones. Notwithstanding its size and value, the pin is conspicuous only for its beauty. It is truly as handsome a jewel as one could wish to see.

OREGON.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—In reply to an inquiry just received, "Are the Stars of Oregon dead?" I ask permission to answer through the medium of the Eastern Star, that we are

not dead, and have none of the symptoms; we are merely resting upon our oars, landing our catch with as little splash as possible, not knowing that the outer world cared what we scored. The Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction generally call off during the months of July and August, and as our Grand Chapter convenes in June, there is practically no work done until September. The Order is steadily growing throughout the State, and almost every mail brings tidings that the Chain has been lengthened. September 22, Brother W. S. Myers, W. P. of Columbia Chapter acting as D. G. P., instituted Golden Sheaf Chapter at Wasco. Two candidates were then initiated, the work being exemplified by Sister Mary S. Myers, D. D. G. M. for the Seventh Dist., which is sufficient proof to the Oregon Stars, that it was well done. She was ably assisted by Brother Myers, and Sisters Emilie Sanders, Martha E. Biggs, Almira Burget, Alice Crossen and Bertha Glenn, all being officers of Columbia Chapter. The new Wasco Stars ladled up their hospitality in regular O. E. S. doses; closing with an informal reception and banquet. Among those contributing to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors, were Dr. and Mrs. Edgington, Mrs. Lillie Brock and Mrs. Barnet.

This Chapter begins work under dispensation with Mrs. Anna Edgington, W. M., Vineyard Brock, W. P. and Jas. W. Armsworthy, Sec. Sis. Jessie L. Cavana, D. D. G. M. of the Third District, has just returned from an official visit to the more remote Chapters of her District; namely, Burns, Deborah and Esther. She reports these Chapters in good working order; good membership; good attendance; books correctly kept and what is of more interest to us poor mortals at this momentous period, money, real, sure money, in the Treasury. She witnessed the Degree Work by each Chapter, and introduced and instructed them in the Floral Work, and made such corrections and suggestions as she deemed necessary for their future prosperity. She was received and entertained by the several Chapters with all honor due her official position. This tour of inspection occupied nearly three weeks, covering a distance of some four hundred miles, along lone and isolated roads, and over snow capped mountains, via stage and other antiquated modes of travel. This will explain why our Grand Matrons are unable to visit but few Chapters, for there is more than one Deputy that will tell of long and toilsome journeys over rough and rugged paths. Most of the Deputies in this jurisdiction will not begin their official visitations, until after the installation of the newly elected officers.

MADELINE B. CONKLING.

G. Sec.

The flowers are sent to do God's work in unrevealed path, and to diffuse influence by channels we hardly suspect.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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Anamosa, Iowa.Queen Esther Chapter at its last meeting
initiated three candidates and elected five
petitioners.In arranging for your reading for the com-
ing year, do not forget to include in the list
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jurisdiction. Send for sample copies which
are furnished free.Subscribers finding this paragraph marked
will understand that their subscription has
expired and their renewal is earnestly so-
licited.Sister Lizzie J. Smythe, Grand Conductress
of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, has been
on the sick list for some time, but we hope
will soon be restored to health.It is with satisfaction and a breath of
relief that with the next issue of our
paper the election will be over and the
country restored to peace and quietness.Any of our patrons desiring Society ad-
dress cards should send to THE EASTERN STAR
for samples. We carry as fine a line as is
published, and will be glad to send samples
and receive your orders.We are sending out sample copies of THE
EASTERN STAR, and we trust that those who
receive one will understand that we wish to
enroll their name on our list, and will make
us happy by sending their name and their
dollar.The editor of THE EASTERN STAR returns
thanks to South Bend Chapter for the very
pleasant time on the evening of their twenty-
fifth anniversary. She was the guest of Sis-
ter Hattie Ulich, Secretary, during her stay.The Grand Chapter of Arkansas will hold
its twenty-first annual meeting at Little Rock
November sixteenth. Invitations have been
sent out and we regret being compelled to
send our Greetings instead of personally ex-
pressing them.Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, Md., sends out
very dainty invitations to its meetings. One
is just received, thanks to Brother Theo. B.
Fox, Secretary, for October 27, and we wish
we could step in and spend the evening with
them but distance prevents.If you desire your Chapter to succeed, you
should be regular in your attendance and
in every possible way assist in the work.
If asked to serve in any position, do so
cheerfully and "lend a hand" whenever
you can to further the work instead of
hindering it by indifference or opposition.We are glad to say that all the sick of
Queen Esther Chapter are improving; but
Mr. Crowe, our Matron's husband, was only
able to be up when their little daughter
Annie was taken down with typhoid fever;
however, she is doing well and we hope to
say in our next, she is well.We had hoped to report the meetings of
the several Grand Chapters held in October,
but the Sisters failed to respond, much to our
regret. We like to serve the news imme-
diately, but must depend upon those who
attend and if they fail us we are helpless.
Many thanks to those who so promptly
sent the reports that we have.Through the kindness of Brother James B.
Merritt, Grand Patron, and Sister Mary E.
Partridge, Most Worthy Grand Matron, we
are in receipt of the addresses of the Grand
Matron, Grand Patron and Grand Secretary.
but they came too late for notice in this issue.
We were just ready for press. However, we
shall give a full report of the meeting in our
next issue.Sister Mary E. Partridge, Most Worthy
Grand Matron, has just returned home from
her visit to the Chapters in the South-West,
under the jurisdiction of the General Grand
Chapter. She also visited the Grand Chap-
ter of Texas, and found time while journey-
ing, to remember us with a line now and then.
Her visits were greatly appreciated by the
Chapters favored by her calls, and they re-
ceived new inspiration.The corner stone of the Masonic Widow's
and Orphans' Home was laid October four-
teenth at Decota, California. It was an event
of special importance to the Masonic Order,
for it evidences the truth "by their works ye
shall know them." It is a monument such
as should be builded in every State. The oc-
casion brought together a large number of
people. The Order of the Eastern Star was
represented by Brother James B. Merritt,
Grand Patron.Queen Esther Auxiliary held its first Octo-
ber meeting with Sisters Ella H. Barrows and
Cora B. Edmunds. It was very largely at-
tended, a number of visitors being present.
The second meeting was held at Sister Melissa
Drummond's and from the continued large
attendance, the fact is evidenced that interest
in the auxiliary is growing. It served lunch
on one of the "rally days" and cleared over
thirty dollars.THE EASTERN STAR has secured an agent for
the State of Oregon, and all subscriptions will
be forwarded through her. Address, Mrs.
Ella J. Gates, Lafayette, Oregon. We trust
that the members of the Order in that juris-
diction will appreciate the effort that is be-
ing made to enlighten their members in re-
gard to the work in general, and the mem-
bers in general in reference to the work in
Oregon in particular. Try it, it is worthy of
your patronage.The members of the Order in Indiana and
especially those of Orient Chapter, will regret
to learn of the death of Dr. Alexander U. Mor-
ris, which occurred after a brief illness of
erysipelas, at O'neil, Nebraska, September
twenty-eighth. Dr. Morris and his wife, Sis-
ter Fannie Morris, were members of Orient
Chapter, La Porte. In her bereavement, Sis-
ter Morris has the loving sympathy of her
many friends.The Star of Bethlehem is the title of a
pamphlet that is in print and will be issued
about the middle of November. It is a very
pretty ceremony, to be used by Chapters to
commemorate "the visit of the wise men to
the manger at Bethlehem" and especially
appropriate. It is being gotten out by the

Grand Chapter of Nebraska and will be in demand by Chapters that desire to commemorate the birth of the blessed Savior. It is designed to be given the Sunday following Christmas and was compiled by Sister Helen H. Stires, Grand Matron of Nebraska.

This month brings again the annual Chrysanthemum Show at Tomlinson Hall, November 10-14. This Flower Festival was begun in 1887, under the auspices of the Society of Indiana Florists, and has grown in interest, as the flower has grown in size, beauty and variety, until it has acquired a national reputation. Outside of New York and Philadelphia, Indianapolis is the only city which has given yearly displays of this special flower for so long a time. The attendance from outside the city has increased each year. The coming exhibition will be greater than ever on account of the fine premium list offered the merchants and the society. Applications for space have been coming in rapidly, showing the increased interest taken. The decorations will be in harmony with the floral exhibit and all are invited to attend. All the railroads have made one fare for the round trip, Nov. 11-12-13 coming, and returning Nov. 14.

"There is a lack of interest in our Chapter, what shall we do?" is a question often asked and not easily answered, for the lack of interest may come from various causes and the first thing to be done, is to diagnose the case and learn the cause, then lose no time in applying the remedy. It may be that the work is imperfectly rendered, and instead of memorizing, the ritual is used, or perhaps there is lack of promptness in opening, or the officers are negligent about attending. Either of these hindrances will tend to lessen the attendance and the interest of the members. But whatever the cause, there is one thing which will materially remedy indifference. It is to be faithful in your duty to visit the sick and relieve the distressed. Make the statement true that "Here we aid, comfort, and protect each other in our journey through the labyrinth of human life," that "our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares," and there will be no need of revival among you. Now in the early part of the season let the faithful few look about them for the means that shall best insure attendance and interest, and then having wisely planned for these things, execute. While the ritual work must receive first thought, the social features should also receive consideration. The old saying that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is a very true one, and during the winter when the evenings are long, there should be the seasons of enjoyment and refreshment. Not that these should be elaborately entered into, but that in the arrangement of things, they be given a place.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Emerson once said; "I have forgotten the books I have read, and so I have the dinners I have eaten; but they both helped to make me."

The small boy outshone himself, who, in reply to his father's remark after a siege of questions—"Benny, why do you ask questions all the time?" replied "Why, papa is there anything else to ask?"

Charles Kingsley gives this advice: Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.

"Whoever and whatever and however situated a man is, he must watch three things—sleeping, digestion and laughing," said Mr. Beecher; and he added with equal wisdom, "they are three equal necessities. Prayers are very well, and reading the Bible very well indeed; but a man can get along without the Bible, but he can't without the other three things."

Li Hung Chang tells us that the Golden Rule is not peculiar to the Christian religion, but was promulgated long before by Confucius, and that the only difference is that one is but it the negative and the other in the positive. This is true. Confucius bids his disciples not to do evil to their neighbors; Christ commands to do them good. Though this be only the difference between the negative and the positive, that little change between to do and not to do, makes all the difference in the world.

The negro of yesteryear is rarely met with and their quaint remarks are often truly humorous. A gentleman owning a cotton estate had a characteristic old "mammy," who never could be found without a pipe. One day her employer asked her if she expected to go to heaven.

"'Deed I does—'deed I does."

"But, auntie, you know you smoke a great deal, and the angels surely will not like that."

"But I'se won't smoke up dar, sah!"

"No; still they will smell tobacco on your breath."

"'Deed dey won't, sah. I'se reckon I done leave m' bref here."

In a recent collection of Fairy Tales the story of the Ring Finger is told, from which we may all draw a lesson. Once upon a time the Ring-Finger, on the receipt of a new and beautiful jewel, became unusually haughty, and refused to associate with its comrades on the ground that it was better than they. So the rest of the digits held a convention, the thumb presiding, and decided to let the Ring-

Finger severely alone; they refused to help the Ring-Finger to pick flowers, to pluck cherries, or to darn stockings, and when the Ring-Finger saw it could do nothing whatever without the aid of the other fingers, it begged the pardon of the other fingers, with tears in its eyes, and was forgiven; and after that the fingers always lived in harmony together.

AUTUMN LEAVES FROM WASHINGTON.

What though we never may attain
The goal that once seemed near us,
What though the friends we deemed most true,
Have proved the first to jeer us;
The very failure that we reap
Will to new purpose cheer us,
If honest efforts guide our deeds along.

Wisdom is substantial food, but fancy gives it flavor. How good it seems to now and then put by our sober sense and, unrepented, dip down in the refreshing stream of sentiment and romance. Thus may we cleanse and strengthen weary heart and mind, grown torpid with too earthy thought.

My heart is much too narrow,
For all of life's emotion,
Then take the useless doubting,
And leave me love's devotion.

Yellow and red! Yellow and red! The flaming beauty of the autumn is here, and the rambler issues forth to rejoice in the rustle of earth's crisp, new mantle. Flutter, flutter, fall—one by one down dropping. Hurry, go change your straw hat for a felt one, and come stand beneath the leafy shower.

Red leaves of ambition—golden leaves of use. The rambler gathers them both in her hands and pauses; for somehow the colors remind her of what life offers. She thinks of Tennyson's Idylls of the King, and of the young squire who drew upon his shield the outline of a bird, writing beneath it the words—"I follow fame;" of Merlin, the wise old man, who, seeing the design, erased it, drew in its place a gardener, with his graft, and wrote the motto, "Rather use than fame."

Emily Hatton Field tells the following: The Italians have a story of their wise old Saint, San Fillipo de Neri. A young student came to him one day with glowing face and sparkling eyes. "Father! congratulate me." "I am at the top of my class; soon I shall be able to take orders." "Brava! my son, you have done well. And then?" "Oh, then I shall have a church and preach and write." "And then?" said Fillipo. "Then I shall be a bishop, then a cardinal." "Ah! so ambitious? Well, and then?" "Why, who knows?" "I may be Pope!" cried the eager boy; but the quiet smile on the kind, aged face—the face of one born in the purple, to whom the nothingness of the world's glory had been made clear—made him pause in the midst of his exultation. "And then?" said his old friend, softly. The boy shuddered and was silent. So may we all pause, midway, in our busy lives, and looking our hopes straight in the face, say to ourselves—"And then?" Will they all stand the test? Will they seem worth working for, seen in the light of that momentous question?

GLEANINGS.

CONNECTICUT.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 22, Excelsior Chapter, New Haven, held memorial services. The program consisted of singing by a quartette solos; reading of obituary notice by the Sec. Sis. Dean; an address by Rev. G. W. Phillips; recitation, "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord," by P. G. M., Sarah U. Wright; remarks by G. Sec., Amelia E. Leeds; recitation, "Some Time," by P. G. M., Clarissa B. Curtis, and the following address by A. G. Con., Miss Minnie E. Willis.

SISTERS, BROTHERS AND FRIENDS.—How often in our childhood's days, have we read in the old fairy-tales of wonderful gifts bestowed upon mankind by some beneficent fairy god-mother—the purse of Fortunatus always full of gold, an enchanted carpet that would take one to the uttermost parts of the earth in a moment of time, the golden touch of Midas, the lamp of Aladdin, and how we wished that we too had a fairy god-mother to vouchsafe us some such magic gift, not knowing then as now, that to each one of us has been given a treasure so wonderful, so marvelous, as to far surpass the wildest dreams of our childhood.

This treasure is no less than a magic mirror in which we see revealed picture after picture. Look far back and you see perhaps, yourself, a child at your mother's knee. Again children at play in a flower besprinkled field with the blue sky overhead, a carpet of soft green underneath, and God's own sunshine over all; the little school-house where you learned to spell, the brook when you first saw the speckled trout, the hill where the ripe strawberries grew; those cool green lanes where you wandered with the apple blossoms overhead smelling so sweet, and, perhaps, sweeter words sounding in your ears, the old church where you sat on Sundays; the family reunions at Christmas and Thanksgiving, pictures full of joy and tender memories.

Sad pictures, too, are there. It maybe you see a quiet church-yard, a lonely hearth, an empty chair, perhaps, a tiny shoe, whose owner's little feet have crossed over into the Silent Land.

Sad or sweet the magic mirror will reveal to us myriad pictures until we fain would draw a curtain over its surface.

But to-night, let us look into its depths, and summon up the forms of those true and earnest friends, who though absent from us in the body, are, we believe, present with us in spirit.

Let us recall them as we so often saw them in the Chapter, laboring for peace and harmony, ever ready with a cheerful smile, a kindly word, a helping hand, striving to inculcate those principles of truth and loyalty, charity and loving kindness which are the very groundwork of the Order of the Eastern Star. And while holding our departed ones in loving remembrance, let us pause for an

instant, and look into that mirror at ourselves. We can see there what no one else can. Are we satisfied with that image? Are we striving to portray in our lives, as we ought, those virtues which will make the Order of the Eastern Star stronger for our membership, and cause others to wish themselves members of a fraternity whose influence is so deeply felt?

If so, well and good. But I fear the great majority of us will humbly confess with the apostle of old; "What I would, that I do not, and what I hate that I do."

How then can we better honor the memory of those who have gone, than by renewing this night our solemn vows, and by striving henceforth so to live that the world may be sweeter and better because of Our Star in the East.

IOWA.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Your little paper comes to me each month as a gentle reminder of the two promises made to you which are still unfulfilled. One was to let you hear from Central Chapter, Marshalltown, once in a while, and the other to help you in the way of subscribers to your valuable little paper. In the first place, our Chapter, although Central by name and its location to the State, is perhaps not throwing out any perceptible illumination, and yet our Chapter is alive and zealously active in "promulgating brotherly love, relief and truth." During the summer we held our first annual picnic in the Soldiers' Home Park and all agreed that it should be repeated each year. Several lawn socials were held during the summer at the homes of the Sisters, and a neat little sum realized at each to replenish our treasury. We also have an Eastern Star Society which meets once a month, in the afternoon, at the home of a sister, from which we derive much pleasure and benefit. It was first organized for the purpose of the members becoming better acquainted socially, and the little fee is kept for the flower fund, for sickness or death. Several new members have recently been added to our number, and we extend to all sister Chapters the greeting of Central Chapter.

DELIA M. WATERBURY.

INDIANA.

Huntingburg Chapter is putting on new zeal and interest since its rest through the hot summer. At our last meeting we organized an Eastern Star Social Club to meet during the fall and winter months, alternately with our regular meetings. This will bring the members together every week, one week at the Chap. rooms for work and business; the next week at our homes for social entertainment. We hope to accomplish good for the Order and may report results occasionally if desired. Our Chapter subscribed for THE EASTERN STAR, and we enjoy reading reports of Indiana Chapters as well as other States.

II. N. W.

Clinton Chapter, Frankfort, celebrated the evening of Oct. 9 with a "Pumpkin Social." It was given by the sisters of the Chapter whose names begin with C and D, and their efforts were successful, both socially and financially. The Masonic Hall was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, pretty vines, gourds and pumpkins galore. There were pumpkins carved into curious shapes and made into Jack-o'-lanterns. The menu, which was served for ten cents, consisted of pumpkin pie, pumpkin salad; pumpkinsandwiches, milk and coffee. The souvenirs were pieces of pumpkin cut into the shape of stars and tied with ribbon. Besides the social features, an excellent program was rendered, music, recitations and tableaux. LUE GASKILL.

The September meeting of Petersburg Chapter was more largely attended than has been the case for the last three months, owing to weather being more pleasant. As we have not given the Floral Work for three years and the members who have come in, in that time, expressed a desire to see this beautiful addenda, it was decided that the officers render it at the October meeting. After seeing it so perfectly rendered by Queen Esther Chapter at our last G. C. we feel like we could render it with more credit than ever before. A committee was also appointed to arrange a literary and musical programme for November, so we are sure of being both instructed and entertained for two months at least. The December meeting being election, is always interesting. L. T. H.

Oct. 14 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of South Bend Chapter, and it was celebrated in a manner becoming the occasion. The guests were Sister Jennie T. Nye, G. M., and twenty members of Orient Chapter, La Porte. Nettie Ransford, P. G. M. and G. Sec., Indianapolis. Sister Franc Finn, W. M., Brother Nadle, W. P., and twenty members of Starlight Chapter, Elkhart, Sister Mary E. Hilton, W. M., Dorland Chapter, Union Mills and Sister Ida Cawley, W. M., Noble Chapter, Kendallville. The guests were met by the committee and taken to Masonic Temple where at early evening an elegant banquet was served, which was enjoyed by over one hundred and fifty invited guests and the members of the Chapter. During the banquet delightful music by Sanchis Orchestra added to the pleasure. The regular meeting of the Chapter followed and six candidates were initiated. The ceremony of initiation was beautifully rendered by the officers and they also gave the Floral Work. The work was excellently given throughout and the hospitality unbounded, and all who were privileged to participate, will count it as among the very pleasant things of life. A very interesting musical and literary program was given; each number received an encore. The history of the Chapter was prepared by Brother Jones. There were four charter members present. The Grand Matron made a brief address which was instructive and helpful, followed by remarks from other visitors. May South Bend Chapter live to celebrate many more anniversaries.

KANSAS.

Ivy Leaf is progressing nicely. At a special meeting held Oct. 13, four candidates were initiated. After the initiation, the Floral Work was rendered. A banquet followed, which was tendered the sisters by the brothers of the Chapter, and of course all was well done, the sisters especially enjoying the festivities.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—After a two weeks' tour visiting Chapters, a short account of the Chapters visited may be of interest to your many readers. Sept. 14, I left home for Howard where I was met at the train by Sisters Schaffen and McClanrock, W. M. and P. M., of Columbia Chapter; was taken to the home of Sis. McClanrock to tea, after which we went to the chapter room. This Chapter has not had any work for more than a year, but the outlook now is good, the members are very much interested and I hope they may have plenty to do the remainder of the year. Sept. 15 I arrived at Neodesha and was met by Sis. Cal. Nichols, W. M. I was entertained very pleasantly at the home of Sis. Sperry, P. M. This is the one of the oldest Chapters in the State and their work is perfect. They have just gotten beautiful new robes which added much to the beauty of the work. Cake and ice-cream were served. Sept. 16, after having spent the day driving over the city and visiting with sisters of Neodesha Chapter, I reluctantly bade them good-bye and started for Coffeyville, where I arrived at 6 p. m. I was taken to Sis. Reed's, P. M., where I was entertained in her beautiful home. Met with the Chapter in the evening and as they did not have a candidate, the evening was spent in talks by the G. M. and others, after which refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The next morning I was driven over the beautiful little city, which was very much appreciated.

Sept. 18 I visited Vesper Chapter at Sedan. Here I found quite a number of very interested sisters and brothers and as they had no candidates, the time was spent in a school of instruction, after which cake and ice-cream was served, which was greatly enjoyed as the evening was very warm.

Sept. 19, on reaching Dexter, I was met by Sis. Mollie Branson, G. Electa, and others, and as they held their meeting in the afternoon, we went directly to the Chapter room, where a number of interested brothers and sisters were awaiting my arrival. This is a very bright Chapter and I had the pleasure of seeing a bride and groom initiated. The bride was dressed in white and looked very pretty. The poem, "The Five Points of the Star," was recited by Sis. Laura Branson in a very impressive manner. The usual refreshments were served. I was entertained over Sunday at Sis. Branson's. Monday morning, Sis. and Bro. Branson drove me to Maple City where we arrived in time for dinner, and a regular banquet was served by the members of Maple City Chapter. A number of mem-

bers from Dexter Chapter were present. After dinner I had the pleasure of seeing Maple City Chapter exemplify the work in a most perfect manner. These country chapters are small but I found none more interested in our beautiful Order. Before separating, the W. P., "a good old brother," suggested that the members have a good old-fashioned hand-shake, bidding the G. M. Godspeed. At 4:30 p. m. we started for Arkansas City by carriage seventeen miles distant, G. Electa accompanied me. Arrived in time to visit Victory Chapter in the evening. This is a comparatively new Chapter, but all are much interested in the Order and do good work. A banquet ended a most delightful evening. I am under obligations to Sis. Ellen Roberts for lovely entertainment and a drive over their beautiful city. Queen City Chapter at Winfield was the next visited. Owing to business engagements, Bro. Anderson, G. P., who was expected, was unable to attend, which was a disappointment to all, as four neighboring Chapters were invited. The work was exemplified in a most perfect manner, also the Floral Work which this Chapter gives every time they have initiation. Visitors from Victory, Dexter, and Maple City Chapters were present. After remarks by the G. M. and a number of visitors the Chapter closed. The next thing in order was a Cake Walk which, taken in connection with the manner the decision was made in favor of the G. M., caused great merriment. The cake was very much appreciated. We were then invited to the banquet hall where five tables were set in the five emblematic colors with each point of the star presiding in her robe of appropriate color. Beautiful music was rendered by an orchestra and thus ended another most delightful evening. I am under obligations to Sister Sadil, W. M., Fulton and Newton for lovely entertainment while in Winfield. Had the pleasure of visiting our G. C. ward, Inna Avery, at the I. Asylum. She is anxiously awaiting her removal to the Masonic Home, which I hope will soon be realized, as I think the Masonic Home is the place for her now that we have a home.

Estella Chapter, Oxford, was next visited Sept. 23, where I had the pleasure of meeting a number of brothers and sisters from Belle Plains and Wellington. This Chapter works under some disadvantage as they have had no work this year but I predict better times for them soon. I give them a great deal of credit for keeping up meetings during the heated term with no especial incentive. A splendid banquet was served, to which all did justice, especially the visitors from Belle Plains and Wellington, who had driven sixteen miles to visit the Chapter. Quite a number repaired to the Chapter room again where the "Olympian Degree" was conferred upon two brothers from Wellington, amidst shouts of laughter. It was two o'clock when the evening's entertainment was ended.

Sept. 24, went to Conway Springs, and as

there could be no meeting of the Chapter that evening, I was entertained at Sis. Lownes, W. M. of Dorcas Chapter. The evening was spent in receiving calls from members of Dorcas Chapter. Sept. 25, I was en route for Anthony where I arrived at noon. Was met by Sis. Olmstead, W. M., and entertained at her home. Anthony Chapter is working under dispensation but did excellent work. They have a splendid corps of officers who take pride in committing their rituals perfectly. They have robes. Peace and harmony prevail and they are a busy Chapter, having initiation every meeting. Saturday, Sept. 26, I returned home after a very pleasant two weeks' tour, visiting among my brothers and sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star.

ELLEN A. KENNER, G. M.

MONTANA.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of Ruth Chapter, Butte City, on Oct. 7, at their regular meeting. On the 18th of last month the G. C. honored our Chapter by electing to the highest office within its gift—that of G. M.—our Sis. Adah M. Aiken, P. M. Appreciating the honor shown us and in token of our love for our sister who has served us so many years in the various offices of our Chapter, the members quietly arranged a little reception upon this, her first appearance among us at the head of our Order. After the opening ceremonies were concluded, it was announced that the G. M. of Montana desired admittance. As the G. M. entered, the gavel sounded, the Chapter standing while she was escorted to the East; Sis. Tebo, W. M. of Ruth Chapter, welcomed her in a few well-chosen words and presented her to the Chapter in due form and directed them to salute her with the Grand Honors. After the regular order of business, Bro. MacDonald, our faithful Sent., beloved by us all for his fatherly care and interest in our welfare, approached the East, and in his own touching way and manner, paid a glowing tribute from Ruth Chapter, and from himself to our G. M. Her response was brief, but it came from the heart, and had the effect of drawing us nearer to her and to each other. The Chapter was then closed and all repaired to the banquet room, where a dainty lunch was served and the hours were spent in speeches and kindly words of congratulation to our honored guest.

MARYLAND.

Queen Esther Chapter, Hagerstown, held its regular meeting Oct. 6, and it will be long remembered. "Masonic Hall" was beautifully decorated with potted palms, ferns and cut flowers, and presented a pleasing sight; eliciting many kind remarks. Sis. Icia Swartz, W. M., presided; all officers were present save "Ruth" and "Electa" whose places were most creditably filled by Sisters Kate Thornburg and Clara Schueler, respectively. The Ritual work was exemplified in a very credit-

able manner, with not a ritual in sight. We had the pleasure of having with us, upon this occasion, Sis. Maud Welty, of Arbor Vitae Chapter, Fremont, Neb.; fifteen members of Maryland Chapter, Baltimore City, and 36 other guests. These visitors were heartily welcomed by Sis. Swartz in the following remarks:

Worthy Patron, Sisters and Brothers of Maryland Chapter, on behalf of "Queen Esther Chapter" I extend to you a hearty welcome to our Chapter room. We welcome you not only as Sisters and Brothers, as friends, but as our Mother Chapter. Words fail to express the pleasure your visit has given us, your presence here to night carries us back in Chapter life to our nativity, we are greatly encouraged by your presence, we have not that fear of seeing the goat at any time as we did upon your former visit, or of a large illuminated G making its appearance in the East and having to study its meaning, but, are assured that after having planted the seed you are anxious to learn of the harvest. We shall strive to prove to you that the good seed sown has fallen upon fertile soil and in due time shall yield an abundant harvest, to the satisfaction and pleasure of the sower, Maryland Chapter. Like a mother, you taught us the first lessons of our beautiful Order, you directed our footsteps through the labyrinth of our Central Star advising us to be ever faithful in the discharge of our official duties. As children, can you ask us why we feel near to and in fact part of Maryland Chapter? The question answers itself; we are dutiful children and shall always welcome our "Mother" whom we feel is interested in her children. Starting on our journey in Chapter life, how frail we felt. It was there we awoke to the sense of duty and responsibility resting upon us, and what at first seemed play, was fast developing into work and hard work. "Queen Esther Chapter," though small in number at once decided that by expanding hearts and hands by benevolence we could accomplish much and realize the power and grandeur of our undertaking, thereby rewarding our Mother Chapter for her labors and teachings. I trust you did not expect much from us as children, so that you have not been disappointed in our work. I feel that, at the close of our first year, we can justly be proud of the work done and shake hands with any Sister Chapter so far as work is concerned. Of one thing I am sure, we cannot lead ten thousand men to conquest as did "Joan of Arc," but we may yet accomplish many things our brothers have failed to do, but we do not ask for or expect monuments.

Queen Esther Chapter is ever ready to receive her sister Chapters, but spread upon her minutes is a standing invitation to Maryland Chapter to visit us singly or collectively, and I assure you, you will ever find the latch string of the Chapter door on the outside, and the members in readiness to give you a hearty

welcome. May this visit be only one of the many you will pay us, and may we strive to throw around us a halo of sisterly love. Again I welcome you.

Bro. Pearson, Worthy Patron of Maryland Chapter, responded in a few well chosen remarks, congratulating the Chapter on its progress and the pleasure it gave him to be with us. Brother Chas. J. Weiner said they were only a social party who had decided on a little pleasure trip and assured us that they were delighted with the visit and considered the work of Queen Esther Chapter far above the average. He also spoke of the need of a Masonic Home or Orphanage in Maryland, and should the Masonic body undertake the work he knew they would be ably assisted by the sisters of the Eastern Star. His remarks were fine and to the point.

Brother Albaugh was so well pleased with the work that he assured us, in his jolly manner, that he could not understand exactly why we called ourselves children, for contrary to the laws of nature, we never crawled or walked but ran right off.

Sis. Maggie Pearson was congratulated by many for the few but well-chosen remarks she made.

We also had a word from our sister from far distant Fremont, Neb. After close of Chapter Floral Work, accompanied by Floral March, was given for the benefit of the visitors. The work was done in a very creditable manner and all were greatly pleased, it being the first time they had seen the Floral March.

Bro. Hays, W. P., then invited all to repair to Artz's Cafe. Bro. Futterer led the way to the banquet room which was decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. The table was spread for sixty people and laden with oysters, salads, ices and cakes to which all did justice. Music was furnished during the repast. The party dispersed at a late hour, well pleased with their evening's entertainment.

Bro. and Sis. Futterer just returned from a trip west where they had the pleasure of calling upon Sis. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. S.

Sis. Bessie Middlekauff is visiting in York, Pa. Sister Mary Carson just returned from a visit to Baltimore.

MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis Chapter held its regular meeting Sept. 28. After the usual routine of business, Sis. Johnson, our P. G. M., in her generous, able manner, gave us a pleasant surprise in the way of handsome bouquets of flowers, emblematic of the points of the star, and as she presented each sister with her color, gave a verse of the beautiful little poem appropriate to same. Then, in befitting remarks, extended to Bro. and Sis. Noble, Sis. and Bro. Puttman and Bro. and Sis. Jacoby, bouquets of roses and carnations, they being some of No. 9's old and staunch members, and last but not least to the W. M. an elegant bouquet of American beauties, accompanied by many kind words of love and encouragement

that will long linger in the mind of the recipient as being one of the most pleasant events of the two years spent in the East. On this occasion we were honored with many visitors, Mistletoe Chapter, St. Paul, came in large numbers. We called off for a recess; during that time, our entertainment committee had prepared a fine program that was heartily enjoyed by all present. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition. May peace and prosperity ever reign within its walls.

Minneapolis Chapter, Minneapolis, and friends were, on Monday, Oct. 6, treated to an enjoyable excursion upon Lake Minnetonka, through the courtesy and generosity of Sister Botilla Smith, a member of the Chapter, she having chartered the steamer Victor for that purpose. The day was all that could be desired, the lake placid and the autumn tints of the foliage along the shore made a picture never to be forgotten. The bountiful dinner was served on the boat while at anchor near the Hermitage. Through the summer Minneapolis Chapter has given free entertainments of varied natures at each of the regular meetings. At the regular meeting in September visitors were present from eight different States, because of the large number of strangers present in the "Twin cities" during the G. A. R. Encampment. Oct. 12, the evening's entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental selections and a lecture by Prof. E. R. Sheppard, illustrated by ninety stereopticon views of the Rocky Mountains. Prof. Sheppard, who is a member of the Chapter, spent several weeks in the Rocky Mountain region recently in the interest of the Great Northern R. R., and his lecture was exceedingly entertaining. L. L. J.

The evening of Sept. 25, was one long to be remembered by the Masons of Pipestone. At that time the newly elected officers of Triune Chapter R. A. M. were installed with ceremonies by J. L. Hart, High Priest, at the close of which all present were conducted to the banquet room, where a repast fit for kings and queens had been prepared by the members of Calumet Chapter, and was served by a committee from that order in royal style. The jolly party ate, drank, and made merry until nearly midnight, when the gathering broke up. It was one of the most enjoyable parties in the history of Masonry in this city and reflected much credit upon those who had the matter in charge. The new officers installed were J. L. Hart, H. P.; Fred Bloom, King; E. C. Dean, Scribe; M. W. Ware, C. C. H.; W. C. Briggs, P. S.; F. A. Walker, R. A. C.; J. W. Cook, 3rd V.; Max Menyel, 2nd V.; Wm Frost, 1st V.; G. W. Nash, Sec.; W. C. Briggs, Treas.; Chas. H. Smith, Sent.

Sept. 28, the G. M. visited Alpha Chapter, Brainard, while en route to Staples for the purpose of constituting Orchid Chapter. Alpha Chapter had been called off for the summer and this was their first meeting after vacation. The members turned out in goodly numbers to welcome their visitors, and ice-

cream and cake were served. At the request of the G. M. a large number of the officers and members assembled in the Lodge room the next morning for drill and general conversation for the good of the Order. The day was profitably and pleasantly spent and on the evening of the 29th a large delegation of the members accompanied her to Staples where they assisted in the constituting ceremony, Sis. Sleeper and Forsythe acting as G. Sec. and Mar. respectively. The work was made much more impressive by the use of a profusion of flowers. After the election and installation of officers, one of the most tempting banquets was spread, and from the busy hum of voices it was evident that all were enjoying the hospitality extended. After the banquet was finished it was found that the train for Duluth which the G. M. expected to take was four hours late. The W. M. then proposed having the work exemplified—they having two candidates in waiting. The Chapter called to order and in just thirty-five minutes completed the work in an almost perfect manner. This new Star will be a credit to the jurisdiction.

Oct. 2, Minnehaha Chapter held a very enjoyable meeting. A number of Past Grand Officers were present and visitors from six of the city Chapters completely filling the room. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates in a very impressive manner, after which an hour was spent in "Hearing from the visitors." This Chapter is the home of Sis. Flora Adams Pattee, our Asso. G. M., and it is to her earnest labors of two years as W. M. that the Chapter owes its present condition of proficiency.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 6, an entertainment and lunch was given by Jordan Chapter at the Opera House. It was especially successful in a social way, and also netted them a satisfactory amount of funds. All who attended pronounced it a very enjoyable affair.

Oct. 8, the first of a series of card parties to be given by Palestine Chapter U. D. was held at the home of Sis. Ina P. Myers. The spacious house was thrown open to the guests, beautifully decorated for the occasion. Entertainments at the home of Sis. and Bro. Myers are always looked forward to with pleasure, and upon this occasion it seemed as though their friends were "legion" when sisters and brothers to the number of twenty-seven tables of "Progressive Euchre" (and a few to spare) presented themselves. Sister Myers proved equal to the occasion, as she always does, and soon all were comfortably seated and enjoying the game.

A grand party was given Oct. 14, at the Masonic Temple parlors—which will be used for the remainder of the winter—prizes are awarded each evening and at the close of parties—a very handsome book-case will be presented the one holding the most scores for the entire series. The book-case has been donated by Bro. O. H. L. Wernicke.

MARY C. TAYLOR, Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Very pleasant indeed are the Chapter meetings in Massachusetts at the present time, as so many unite to give a warm and hearty greeting to the Grand Matron and her deputies as they make their tours of inspection to the several Chapters. Effie M. Carson, Grand Matron, made the first official visit of the season, personally, Oct. 5, and Mystic Chapter, East Boston, was the one favored by her presence. She was accompanied by Amos M. Parker, G. P., Isadore Forbes, A. G. M., Frank A. Noyes, A. G. P., Helen A. Atkins, G. Chap., Lizzie M. Dewey, G. Mar., Ernestine E. Spavin, A. G. C., Arthur H. Rice, G. Sent., Maria W. Hyde and Hannah Knowles, D. G. Ms., beside a large number of past officers and Grand Officers. The Chapter room was beautifully decorated with flowers; delicate vines, through which were scattered cut flowers, encircled the pedestals, while bouquets and potted plants filled every available nook. A reception was held from 7 to 7:30 p. m. Nine candidates were elected and ten, initiated. The work was finely rendered, after which the Vocal Star was presented in a very pleasing manner. A large number of visitors were present, sixteen Chapters being represented. Beautiful bouquets, containing souvenir spoons, were presented to the G. M., A. G. M., and G. Mar. Refreshments were served.

Wednesday evening, Oct. 7, found the G. M. at Electa Chapter, Waltham. Here she was accompanied by the A. G. P., G. Chap., G. Mar., A. G. Con., and a large number of past officers and Grand Officers. The floral decorations were elaborate and very beautiful, conspicuous among which were the many hued hydrangeas. A star of the appropriate colors was suspended in the East. After a social hour, an early tea was served, then the representatives of twelve Chapters assembled in the Chapter room to witness the beautiful ceremonials of our Order. One candidate was initiated in a very pleasing manner, the Grand Officers finding words of commendation only for the work, and the annual inspection of Electa Chapter again passed into history with the most pleasant memories. The G. M. and G. Mar. were presented with beautiful bouquets.

Maria W. Hyde, D. G. M., officially visited Melrose Chapter, Melrose, Oct. 9, accompanied by John P. Loring, P. G. P., Clara W. Palmer, D. G. Mar., the G. Chap., A. G. Con., and others. The meeting was held in the large Masonic Hall, which was well filled with members and visitors, twelve Chapters being represented. Here, too, the floral decorations were worthy of especial mention. Over the East a large floral star, of the appropriate colors, was suspended by a vine of ivy, while flowers and potted plants formed a veritable hedge on either side of the dais; the West also was elaborately decorated and bouquets were seen everywhere. Two candidates were elected and one was initiated in a

very pleasing manner, the expression being heard from many lips that "the work was as nearly perfect as it was possible for a Chapter to render it." Bouquets were presented to the Grand Officers. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Oct. 15, Deputy Grand Matron Hyde officially visited Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, accompanied by the Asso. G. P., G. Chap., Asso. G. Con., P. G. P. Loring, Dep. G. M. Knowles and a large number of past matrons and patrons. A miniature boat filled with plants in bloom formed a pleasing decoration for the East. Unfortunately the Con., Sister Hawkins, met with a severe accident which confined her to her bed, and the candidates were unable to be present, but the work was exemplified in a manner showing careful attention and reflecting credit upon the officers. As elsewhere, a large number of visitors were present, ten Chapters being represented. Refreshments were served.

Two candidates were initiated at the regular meeting of Crystal Chapter, Malden, held Sept. 24. Ida I. Carlton, P. M., of Highland Chapter, was present and installed Adah, Esther, and the Org., those chairs having been vacated by resignation. Visitors were present from Vesta, Melrose, and Highland Chapters. Refreshments were served.

After a short business meeting during which two candidates were elected, Sept. 22, Keystone Chapter, Boston, gave a very pleasant whist party, at which each one present received a prize. The price of admission was a parcel—and these were displayed—from which the most successful player was given the first choice, and so on until each had received a prize. This was Ruth's evening for entertaining, and a very pleasant evening was passed by all present. Oct. 13, one member was received by affiliation.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, received four petitions, Oct. 12. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter.

Ten petitions were received, three candidates elected, and three initiated by Plue Hill Chapter, Hyde Park, Oct. 6, the work being performed in a creditable manner. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter. Refreshments were served.

Three petitions were received by Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, Oct. 14. Despite the inclement weather a goodly number were present at the sale and supper held by Vesta on that date. Supper was served from 6 to 8 p. m. and was well patronized. One candidate was elected Sept. 23.

R. E. L.

Golden Chapter, Westfield, opened its doors Friday Sept. 4, after the usual two months summer vacation, and has held four very pleasant meetings. Last Friday evening one candidate was initiated, and two petitions received. Three others have been elected, and await initiation. The committee having in charge the arrangements for a sale of fancy articles have announced the date and place of

sale and requested the sisters to bring their contributions of fancy articles, etc., as soon as the last week in this month. The fairs and sales which this Chapter has had in the past have been very pleasant, as well as profitable in a pecuniary way, and we are sure this one will be no exception to the rule. Our W. M. and Treas. have each been called upon to part with one of the nearest and dearest. Sis. Broga having lost a sister, and Sis. Smith her mother. How easily that word "lost" slips from the pen when writing of removal by death. But we who have "seen his star in the East," and who have the "trustful faith of Martha" know they are not lost. Though we mourn it is "not as those without hope."

Bro. H. A. Goodenough, husband of our G. Treas., has passed "beyond the weeping and the sighing," leaving with us pleasant memories of a genial, sympathetic friend, a loving husband and father, an upright man. He will be missed, not only by Ionic Lodge, A. F. and A. M. and by Doric Chapter O. E. S., but by the entire community in which he lived. He held the office of Sec. in Ionic Lodge which position he had filled for twenty years, had also filled many positions of trust in the town of East Hampton. He was buried with Masonic honors, and the large attendance of representative men and women of the place attested the respect and esteem in which he was held.

"A watchman is missed from the wall,
Where his warnings so often have rung;
No more the affectionate call,
Or remonstrance will melt on his tongue;
There is dust on his lip, and a shroud on his breast,
And the deep seal of peace on his eyelids is pressed.
Who mourns that our brother is gone,
That the crown on his forehead is bright?
That his trials and labors are done,
That his spirit rejoices in light?
Who weeps that our loss is his infinite gain,
Where death may not enter, and sins cannot stain."

L. J. P.

NEBRASKA.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 23, I instituted Silver Leaf Chapter, Randolph, and installed its officers. The Chapter has held no meetings in the summer but is now well equipped for active work and the officers and members are earnest and enthusiastic. On the occasion of my visit I had the pleasure of initiating a candidate and seeing the officers go through the work in a very creditable manner. Silver Leaf Chapter is very young, having been organized as late as April 17, but it already compares favorably with older Chapters. It has the prospect of a large membership and its future bids fair to be bright.

HELEN H. STIRES, G. M.

NEW MEXICO.

Our M. W. G. M., Sis. Partridge visited this far-away town on Friday, Oct. 9. One of our members, Sis. Burns, accompanied her from Las Vegas and entertained Mrs. Partridge

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HUBBARD A. GOODENOUGH.

Past Associate Grand Patron of Massachusetts.

Not since the death of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Thomas M. Lamb, of Worcester, have the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Massachusetts been so shocked, as when the sad news came so suddenly upon us that on October 12, after a brief illness of only a few days, Past Associate Grand Patron H. A. Goodenough, of Easthampton, closed his mission on earth and passed "beyond the weeping and smiling" thereof.

He will be greatly missed, for he was honored and respected by all who knew him for his noble hearted, honest and upright character.

The widow and orphan always found kindly assistance from his generous hand. He would deny himself of many comforts and privileges to give generous aid to the needy and afflicted around him. No work of his life, perhaps, gave him more satisfaction and pleasure than his duties in the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" and that for "Prevention of Cruelty to Children," in both of which he was a prominent member, and zealously and most faithfully carried out the principles thereof.

No words of mine can better portray the character of Brother Goodenough than those of the Springfield Republican, from which we excerpt the following: "His was a rugged, sturdy manhood, honest in every thought and action. He was plain-spoken, candid and straightforward. There was no idea of deception in anything he said or did, and his speech always bore that candor which made it sometimes appear blunt and brusque, but underside lay the tenderest heart. He loved good works and deeds of kindness, and was often moved to the tenderest acts, of which many people will bear testimony. He was faithful and zealous in all his work, a loving husband and father in the home, and a

staunch supporter of everything that was honest and for the best interests of the community."

Hubbard A. Goodenough, the son of Alonzo Goodenough, was born in West Brattleboro, Vermont, June 18, 1836, where he spent his boyhood days on a farm. In early manhood he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked successfully for several years. In



1862, he received an appointment as station agent at South Vernon, which position he held for eleven years, when he removed to Easthampton, Mass., where he held the same position till the time of his death, performing the duties thereof with the strictest fidelity and integrity.

January 28, 1858, Mr. Goodenough took to

his heart and home Miss Lona L. Streeter, a gentle, lovely girl from Vernon, Vermont, and for nearly thirty-nine years they traveled life's labyrinth most happily together—never having been separated many days, excepting four years ago, when Sister Goodenough, exhausted and overtired by illness in the family, took a month's vacation.

Three lovely daughters, who are members of the Eastern Star, but all of whom have left the parental roof to preside over homes of their own, and one son, are left, a comfort to their grief stricken mother in this great bereavement.

Brother Goodenough was made a Mason in Harmony Lodge, F. and A. M., at Northfield, in 1860, and held the offices of Junior and Senior Deacon therein.

He was a charter member of Ionic Lodge, F. and A. M., Easthampton, in which he held the office of Secretary for twenty consecutive years, and "no other person was ever considered in connection with that position."

Brother Goodenough was one of the organizers of Alpha Chapter, No. 4, O. E. S., which received its charter from Robert Macay, in October, 1871, and met alternately at Northfield and Miller's Falls. He was the prime mover in the organization of Doric Chapter, No. 7, at Easthampton, which was also chartered by Brother Macay in May, 1876.

Brother Goodenough served this Chapter as Worthy Patron in 1877; this making four years in which he served in that important position, always performing the duties thereof with credit to himself and honor to our Order.

Brother and Sister Goodenough were among the organizers of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, which held its first meeting December 11, 1876, at which time Sister Goodenough was elected Grand Treasurer, a position which she has held continuously till the present time, with the exception of two years, without an opposing vote, and the duties of which she has ever performed most

faithfully and to the entire satisfaction of the members.

Brother Goodenough was made Deputy Grand Patron—ranking as an Associate Grand Patron—at the organization of the Grand Chapter, which position he held till May, 1880. At this session, the constitution was amended, the office of Associate Grand Patron created, and Brother Goodenough was elected the first Associate Grand Patron of Massachusetts.

Brother Goodenough has served on many important committees in the Grand Chapter, always making right and justice paramount to any selfish interests. He loved the Order and was always a zealous and earnest worker in whatever station he might be placed.

Though his voice is hushed to be heard no more,
Though his barque is moored on the other shore,
The good seed sown speaks to you and me
In that sweet low voice, "come, follow Me."

FOR THE EASTERN STAR.

ENVY VERSUS EMULATION.

Very many people mistake the difference between these two terms, imagining that it is only a desire to emulate people's virtues and ability, when it is sheer envy, produced by the green-eyed monster, jealousy. Quite a noted man once said to me: "When jealousy creeps in, and cannot possess or excel, then envy and malice seize the reins and slander is the result." While this is true in a large sense, yet we are glad to be able to recall some noble men and women among the quiet ones who can and do work in the ranks, and heartily applaud those whose talents and ambitions have placed them at the topmost round of the ladder of fame. No better testimony of a sweet, wholesome nature than this could be found, and it is a wise provision, for some must serve while others rule. The men or women, who earnestly strive to make the best of the talents and opportunities that God has given them, to emulate the virtues and nobility of their associates, asking only such meed as is theirs by right of success, and envying none who have gained honorable positions, shall some day hear the Master's commendation, "Well done." Nowhere do we need the spirit of loyalty and unselfishness more than in our chapter room, and as the time is drawing near for the selection of new officers for the year of 1897, much conscientious thought should be given to this matter. Matrons and Patrons should be selected who have shown their interest to be centered in the up-building and ennobling of our Order; who are free from personality and petty malice, who realize that our chapter room is a place where we meet for "social enjoyment and cheerful companionship to lighten the burdens of active duty." Many a busy mother and housewife finds the association with her sisters and brothers in the Chapter almost her only

source of true recreation, and how careful we should be to make the hours so full of joy and sweet fellowship that the weary ones may return to their routine of duties, refreshed and strengthened for the battles of life. If you and I, dear reader, could only see the impressions we are making for good or evil on the sensitive plate of a human heart, think you not we would weigh our thoughtless words in the scales of eternal justice? A kind word spoken at the right time has been the turning point toward success and a better life, while the neglectful manner and icy tone have chilled the warmest aspirations, and blighted efforts which might have, at some future time, appeared in our behalf at the throne of mercy.

Above all, sisters, let me plead with you to cultivate the grace of a Christian heart—true charity. If we heed the "new commandment" we shall see something good in every nature, and if you hunt for the best, be sure you stand a fair chance of getting it. Be above petty gossip and insinuation, and don't, like a vulture, hunt for the "dead things" in people's lives. "They say"—well, suppose they do; some people's brains are so empty, all they are capable of is to repeat something ill-natured and comment on it, by peculiar look and tone, and nothing ever yet lost volume by being repeated. There are no instances in the Bible where is shown the reformation of the tale-bearer. Temptations along this line come to the best of us, but we must beware. Dean Swift says: "I cannot prevent birds from flying over my head, but I can prevent their making nests in my hair." Our only safeguard is the admonition of the Apostle, "Whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, think on these things;" and thus protected we shall be able to live the Golden Rule, embodied in the beautiful teachings of our Order. A study of the life of Him "whose star we have come to worship" will enable us to rise above envy, malice, jealousy, and disdain, and emulate the virtues of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and may you and I, my dear sister, never be confronted with the ruin of a lost soul, the work of our hands, but come together into the Master's presence, like Ruth, with our hands full of sheaves, patiently gleaned from the harvest field of life.

"GABRIELLE."

GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN, 1896.

The Grand Chapter convened in Masonic Temple in the city of Adrian, Oct. 14 and 15, and was called to order at 12 m. Was opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Lida A. Pratt, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Every Grand Officer and delegates from one hundred and ten Chapters responded to roll call. The Grand Chapter called from labor until 2 p. m. when one hundred and twenty Chapters were represented. The address of welcome was given by Sister

Elizabeth Barrett, Worthy Matron of Adrian Chapter, and listening to her words, one could not help feeling that they were indeed welcome, and that the Adrian sisters and brothers felt honored by the presence of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Michigan. The welcome was responded to by Sister Tula A. Miller, our Grand Chaplain. Our honored guests were Sister Gertrude B. Williams, Grand Matron of Ohio; Brother Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron of Indiana; and our own Brother Henry H. Hinds, Past Grand Patron of Michigan—now Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter. Each one was introduced, conducted to the East, and received with Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand Matron shows that she has been untiring in her efforts for the upbuilding of the Order in her own state. She has assisted the Grand Patron in instituting twenty-nine of the thirty-three Chapters that have been added to our Golden Chain during the year, and has left nothing undone that in her judgment would be for good.

The address of the Grand Patron is brief, but shows that he has labored untiringly for the success of the Order.

This being the thirtieth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, it seemed fitting that the meeting should be in Adrian, as it was there the Grand Chapter was organized; and it was found that two members of the first convention were still actively engaged in the work.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that during the year over two thousand have been added to the membership in Michigan. Seventy-three links have been severed from the Golden Chain. Three thousand six hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents received and paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed four thousand sixty-seven dollars thirty cents in the treasury.

The evening session was filled by the exemplification of the work by Adrian Chapter, and no good thing that can be said would be too much praise for the beautiful work. At the close, cake and cream were served by the entertaining committee.

The chief work of the second morning session was the report of the committee on revision of the constitution, and the action taken thereon.

The officers for the ensuing year are:

Mrs. Lida A. Pratt, Grand Matron, Jackson.
Fred H. Hosford, Grand Patron, Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, Associate Grand Matron, Mt. Pleasant.

Wm. F. King, Associate Grand Patron, Adrian.

Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Grand Secretary, Middleville.

Mrs. S. K. Winans, Grand Treasurer, Lansing.

Mrs. D. C. Page, Grand Conductress, Petoskey.

Mrs. Ella M. Murray, Associate Grand Conductress, Detroit.

The Grand Chapter will convene in Detroit Oct. 13, 1897, guest of the five Chapters in that city.
A MEMBER.

is due the sisters for the manner in which each officer filled her station, and the excellence of the work done by all. After a "regular supper"—banquet does not express it—we were entertained by a mandolin club of ten young men who dispersed sweet music until the wee sma' hours reminded us we must retire.

Oct. 7, with Sisters Butler and Mansard, visited a number of sisters who were not able to attend Chap'er. In the evening many of the members came to the depot to say "farewell" previous to our leaving for Las Vegas. While in the depot, we were astonished to see a beautiful large rug, hand-made by the Navajoe Indians, and Brother Mamroth, in behalf of Adah Chapter, expressed the wish that I should accept the same. Later, the good brother forwarded me a loom showing how they make the rugs. I fully appreciate the many kindly expressions and tokens given me while at Albuquerque, and shall always be reminded of the words of Brother Mamroth when I look at the lovely rug that my feet are resting on at this time.

Leaving the above city, in care of Brother Murray, conductor, at whose house I was to be cared for while at Las Vegas, we traveled until 2 o'clock in the morning, the terminal of the sleeper; we were side tracked and allowed to rest till 7 A. M., when we were informed a carriage was awaiting us, and we were driven to the comfortable home, where Sister Murray had a warm breakfast in waiting. In the afternoon enjoyed a ride with one of the sisters, and in the evening visited Ransford Chapter, which meets in Masonic Hall, with its lovely parlors and all modern conveniences; and which the Eastern Star has helped, in furnishing, etc., with the magnificent sum of \$1,300, and since then have bought a range, cooking utensils, etc., for kitchen. This is the largest Chapter in the territory, and the sisters work together in harmony.

The degrees were conferred on three candidates, and the work well rendered. On account of sickness of the Worthy Matron, Sister Murray—Past Matron, and the present Secretary—filled the station of W. M. with dignity and ease. An elegant banquet closed a delightful time spent in Las Vegas, and as the guest of Sister Murray, we are under obligations to her for making our brief visit so pleasant. At 2:05 A. M., in company with Sister Burns, of Raton, who had kindly come to Las Vegas to meet us, we left for Raton, arriving there about 7 A. M., and were escorted by our good sister to her pleasant home, our headquarters for the day. We, with our hostess, were invited to the noonday meal at the home of Sister Shuler, where a delightful time was passed, and later, with Brother Burns, Sister Burns, and Sister Montgomery, enjoyed a ride. During the afternoon several sisters called, among them the faithful Secretary, Sister Givenq. At 7 P. M., a dinner at the Harvey house; then to the

chapter room, where a goodly number of sisters and brothers assembled, and we spent the rest of the evening, retiring only when the clock pointed to the hour of midnight.

The Chapter was opened by the estimable Worthy Matron. Here we held a chapter of instruction, and the many questions asked by the members was evidence of the interest taken in the workings of the Order, and I trust a profitable hour was spent in that manner. There is excellent material in this Chapter, and earnest workers also. Notable among them Sisters Givenq, Shuler, Baker and Burns, and to their untiring efforts the Chapter owes in a large measure its success. We had the pleasure of meeting Sister Stone, Worthy Matron of Trinidad, Colorado, who kindly came with two other sisters to accompany me on my journey to her home Chapter. We are indebted to Sisters Burns and Shuler for generous hospitality.

Oct. 10, in company with the above named sisters we left Raton for Trinidad, and were the guest of Sister Butler, Past Matron, during the day; enjoyed a ride in the afternoon in company with our hostess and one of the sisters, when the different places of interest were shown us, and among them the mountain named Simpson's rest or cave.

In the evening witnessed the conferring of the Degrees on five candidates; and four petitions were presented. The work was done in a manner that reflects great credit on the Worthy Matron and her corps of officers, and honor to the Chapter. The Grand Matron of Colorado can justly be proud of her links to the Golden Chain at Trinidad. Here I had the pleasure of meeting the Associate Grand Patron of Colorado. After Chapter refreshments were served, and thus closed another of the meetings long to be remembered. We were the guest of the Worthy Matron during the remainder of our stay in Trinidad, and to Brother and Sister Stone, also Sister Buttler, we are under obligations, for courtesies, and to the Chapter for the lovely bon bon spoon handed to us on Sunday before we left town, regretting we could not stay with our newly found friends.

Oct. 11, started for Fort Worth, Texas, to be in attendance at the Grand Chapter. After an all night's ride, we found ourselves passing through the fields of cotton and the cane, and de corn; a pretty sight. In many fields the cotton ball was just ready to pick, and the snowy white appearance in one field and the next large fields of corn with its silk hanging down, was pretty, to say the least, and interesting to one who sees these things for the first time.

On the evening of the twelfth, we arrived at Fort Worth, a city of 40,000 people, where we found a committee from Tarrant Chapter in waiting, and later we met our good Sister Hart, W. A. Grand Conductress, and also the efficient Grand Secretary of Texas—to her we are indebted for favors. We were driven to the Hotel Delaware, where apartments had

been procured for us; and we were glad to get a good night's rest. Oct. 13, at 2 P. M., the Grand Chapter was called to order by the Grand Patron. The Grand Matron being in poor health, requested the brother to preside; and the Grand Chapter was opened in due form, after which your representative of the General Grand Chapter was received in due form and very cordially welcomed as the guest of the Grand Chapter. After business was transacted, the Grand Chapter called off. In the evening the work was exemplified by Tarrant Chapter, Ft. Worth. Too much praise cannot be accorded them for the exquisite rendering of the entire ceremony. A splendid supper was provided, with music during the tire evening, which was very enjoyable, together with the beautiful songs, sentiments, etc. This closed the first day's session.

Oct. 14, at five minutes past nine, we reached the Hall in time to find we were tardy; the session was called for nine, and the gavel was sounded on time during every session. In the Grand Patron, Brother Garrison, they have an officer seldom equaled, never surpassed in the prompt manner of dispatching the business of the Grand Body, and his example is worthy of imitation; and the Grand Matron, Sister Hoskins, as well as the members of the Order have reason to feel proud of the retiring Grand Patron. While the officers reported a decrease in numbers, they are in a healthier condition, and are financially strong. A few of the dead timbers were removed, leaving the active members ready to work as before, and no doubt the Order is stronger than ever in Texas. I am indebted to the Grand Chapter for their kindly remembrance, both in the lovely token, and for their generous donation towards my expenses, and to Tarrant Chapter for the beautiful flowers tied with the emblematic ribbons, and other courtesies.

Oct. 16, left Fort Worth in the morning, and arrived at El Paso on the seventeenth, at 11 A. M. Was met by my friends from Oakland, Brother and Sister Hunt, and Worthy Matron of Alpha Chapter; was escorted to the Hall, where we held a meeting of the Chapter, and a reception. Later was given a carriage ride over the river to Jaurey, Mexico, went through the old church, the jail, stores, custom house, and other places. Here I find the settlers are living a hundred years behind the times, in old adobe houses with dirt floors, and the general appearance indicates poverty and indolence. Here in the jail I saw the veritable cowboys I had heard so much of, two men just sentenced to eight years each for stealing cattle.

During the rest of our stay we were the guest of Brother and Sister Hunt, and to them we are indebted for the genuine Mexican dinner, visit to the Port Bliss, attending the grand ball where we saw the daughter of President Diaz, and her husband and many other noted Mexicans. Sunday afternoon we said good-bye, and left for Oakland. We were glad

to have as traveling companion, Sister Cleveland, of Minneapolis, Minn., who comes to California with her child to spend the winter. After traveling all night and until 4:30 P. M. on the 20, I reached Oakland depot, where I found my husband waiting for me.

Oct. 21, 22 and 23 attended our own Grand Chapter. We had the largest attendance ever present, and our Grand Patron reported eighteen new Chapters; he has worked hard during his term of office, besides spending much money in the interest of the Order, and I trust good results will follow. With kindly greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

M. E. PARTRIDGE,
M. W. Grand Matron.

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, 1896.

Oct. 13, the Grand Chapter was called to labor by Sister Sadie A. Hoskins, Grand Matron. After the roll call and members being vouched for, an alarm at the door announced the arrival of Mary E. Partridge, M. W. Grand Matron of the G. G. C., who was escorted to the East by the Grand Marshal, the Chapter being called up to give our distinguished guest the Grand Honors.

The address of welcome was given by Dr. E. B. Shumaway, and was most gracefully responded to by Sister Jennie S. Randolph, the bride of the Chapter.

At 7:30, after the Chapter had been called to order by the Grand Matron, the gavel was handed over to the officers of Tarrant Chapter, who to the strains of sweet music, marched in, spelling the monogram of the order.

The officers of Tarrant all wore beautiful aprons and collars made of satin in the five colors of the order, and exquisitely embroidered in our emblematic flowers, finished with silver bullion. The exemplification of the work by the officers was simply perfect, and too much praise cannot be given them for the pains and care they had evidently bestowed in studying their respective roles.

They have a very handsome Chapter room and on this occasion it was transformed by tasteful decorations into a bower of beauty. The Altar cloth was a gem of loveliness, in color ceil blue, one end embroidered with our five pointed star, with its emblems and colors; and the letter "G" on the other end, the brilliant rays of the five colors radiating from the latter, above which was the square and compass symbolizing the ties so near and dear which ally the Eastern Star to our brothers of the Masonic Fraternity.

The tables at each Star officer's chair were covered with scarfs appropriate to the point and a vase of flowers of the proper color marked each station. Banners and flowers and draperies were effectively placed around the room, and from the wall the portrait of the revered founder of the Order, Rob Morris, seemed to look down with a blessing for these

members of the "Child" he had created, our own beautiful Eastern Star.

The officers of Tarrant were most warmly congratulated by the M. W. Grand Matron, and all present, and taking her place at the head of the line, escorted by Tarrant's Worthy Patron, Brother Sherman Horn, followed by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, the distinguished guest led the way to the banquet hall, where an elegant supper had been provided by the ladies. Every delicacy of the season was served in profusion and the generous hospitality of Tarrant's members was thoroughly appreciated and all were loud in praise of their royal entertainers. Toasts were given and responded to by the guests; Mrs. Ducker and Mrs. E. B. Shumaway sang sweet songs, familiar airs were rendered by the musicians and the evening came to a close and will be remembered with other loving memories of the past.

Oct. 14, found the Grand Chapter busy; reports of Grand officers showed the Order to be in a highly prosperous condition. Fifty-seven Chapters were represented and the Grand Treasurer reported \$2,212.78 in treasury.

The Grand Secretary received letters and a telegram of greeting from Sisters Annie Phillips and Mary E. Snedden, Grand Matrons of Illinois and Wisconsin, and Sister Pitkin, R. W. G. Secretary. These were responded to by motion and acknowledged by Laura W. Hait, Grand Secretary. Sister Hoskins was tendered a jewel on which Past Grand Matron shall be engraved—a standing vote was taken on this resolution. At the close of the third day the officers were installed by Pauline C. Harris, Past Grand Matron, and the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again in San Antonio, Texas, Oct., 1897.

M. A. MAYNARD,
Press Committee Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, 1896.

DEAR SISTER:—The twenty-fourth annual session of the Grand Chapter of California closed yesterday, and according to promise I will give you a short sketch of the proceedings. The attendance was much larger than at any former session, so much so that although we met in a much larger hall than formerly, we were uncomfortably crowded. Tuesday afternoon was devoted to the address of Grand officers and reports of Secretary and Treasurer; Wednesday and Thursday forenoon to routine business; Thursday afternoon election of officers; Friday to finishing business and installation.

Tuesday evening Ivy Chapter exemplified the work, and Ivy, Harmony and Beulah gave a banquet. Wednesday evening there was an entertainment and ball for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, given by the four Chapters. Thursday evening the Grand Chapter exemplified the work in King Solomon's Hall, Masonic Temple, being the first

time an Eastern Star meeting was ever held in that building. There were between five and six hundred members of the Order present, probably the largest number ever present at an initiation.

The crowded condition of the hall prevented a perfect rendition of the work, but the immense attendance compensated for the few points that were lacking. We feel that a great advance has been made during the year, and hope that our successors may be able to do much more than we have done.

After the work was over, Golden Gate Chapter gave a splendid banquet. Friday evening many of us attended a theatre party, and today many have gone on an excursion to Monterey.

Thus ends the most pleasant year I ever spent. While it required much hard work, it was a labor of love, and from the expressions manifested in Grand Chapter, I believe I have gained a place in the hearts of the sisters and brothers, which is an ample reward for what I have done. The following officers were elected:

Jas. R. Tapscott, Grand Patron, Yreka.
Ella T. Hall, Grand Matron, Tulare.
Susan Rucker, Associate Grand Matron, San Jose.
John A. Gallup, Associate Grand Patron, Pomona.
Isadora Horton, Grand Treasurer, San Francisco.
Kate J. Willats, Grand Secretary, San Francisco.
JAMES B. MERRITT.

Oct. 24, '96.

GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND, 1896.

The first annual session of the Grand Chapter was held Oct. 14, in Masonic Hall, Providence. A pleasant and harmonious session was had with delegates from all the Chapters present. The reports show no new Chapters added, but very satisfactory gains in membership. The following are the officers chosen:

Mrs. Mary F. Phillips, Grand Matron, Central Falls, R. I.
Dr. Elisha P. Clarke, Grand Patron, Hope Valley, R. I.
Mrs. Hattie E. Davis, Associate Grand Matron.
Frederick E. Phillips, Associate Grand Patron.

S. Penrose Williams, Grand Secretary, Providence.

Mrs. Jennie R. Greene, Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Sarah E. Ballou, Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Hannah F. Aldrich, Associate Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Josie C. Northup, Grand Adah.
Miss Lizzie J. Hoxie, Grand Ruth.
Miss E. A. Blanchard, Grand Esther.
Mrs. Ella J. Alfreds, Grand Martha.
Mrs. Jennie F. Hawkins, Grand Electa.
Mrs. Ada F. Fiske, Grand Marshal.
Mrs. Jennie T. Congdon, Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. Lizzie E. Chase, Grand Warder.
Win. R. Greene, Grand Organist.
Frank E. Ballou, Grand Sentinel.

Sincerely yours,
S. PENROSE WILLIAMS.

GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA, 1896.

The nineteenth session of the Grand Chapter met in Clinton, Oct. 28 and 29. Clinton was in gala dress to receive the visitors and many business houses displayed the colors of the order. On Tuesday evening a reception was tendered the Grand Officers and visitors by Clinton Chapter, which was most enjoyable. The hours for receiving were from six to eight.

Dainty refreshments were served, after which a literary and musical program, followed by tableaux was rendered, greatly to the enjoyment of all.

Immediately following the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Mayor of Clinton welcomed the visitors, tendering them the keys of the city.

The following were introduced and given the Grand Honors. Sisters Jennie E. Mathews and Nettie Ransford, P. M. Worthy Grand Matrons, Sister Jennie Walker, P. Grand Matron of Ill., Brother Dickinson, P. Grand Patron of Ill., Sisters Ercanbrack, Jackson, and Wood, and Brothers Jackson, Ercanbrack, Howard and Winslow, P. Grand Matrons and P. Grand Patrons of Iowa.

All the Grand officers except Adah—who was detained by serious illness—were present. Also there were one hundred and fifty chartered and twenty-one U. D. chapters, all represented.

The address of welcome was delivered by Sister Ada C. Shadle, Worthy Matron of Clinton Chapter, and its words of hearty welcome were evidenced by the kindly acts of the members of the Chapter during the meeting. The response was made by John W. Geiger, Associate Grand Patron, and were words fitly spoken, richly gemmed with wit and humor. The address of the Grand Patron, Eugene B. Dyke, was excellently written but as space forbids making as generous extracts as we desire to, and to give in sections will not do it justice, we will publish it later.

The Grand Matron's address was most beautifully written and delivered with that earnestness that held her listeners close attention and made them wish that the sentiments expressed might be exemplified in our lives. Not in words alone was her interest shown, for her's had been a busy year. She had gone in and out among them and had visited one hundred and eleven Chapters, coming in such close touch with the members that when, as an endorsement for her work, they almost unanimously re-elected her, and she feeling it impossible to accept, with loving thanks for this generous endorsement, declined. They were loth even then to release her, as the tears of regret evidenced. Sister Rule's address will also appear later.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer showed a balance in the treasury of \$4,541.56.

The expenses of the Grand Matron were \$395.35, which were allowed and also \$200.00;

Grand Secretary's salary \$400.00, \$10.00 per month for office rent and \$50.00 for a desk; to the Grand Sentinel \$75.00; the committee on correspondence, \$50.00, and to Sister Nettie Ransford, P. M. Worthy Grand Matron \$20.00 for expenses.

An effort is being made to establish the mite box system. A report from subordinate chapters is to be made annually and the money set aside as a charity fund. It was inaugurated last year and the amount reported by the Chapters that had adopted the plan was \$45.57.

There were twenty-one Chapters organized during the year.

By action of the Grand Chapter, it was ordered that in the Proceedings of next year the names of all suspended and expelled members be published.

The recommendation of the Grand Matron that a school for instruction be held, was taken under consideration to be acted upon next year.

Sister Nettie J. Hilliard, of Marion, added to the enjoyment of all by her gracious response to the request to sing both during Grand Chapter, and on the evening of the exemplification by Clinton Chapter.

On Wednesday evening the work was exemplified by Clinton Chapter in the opera house. Also the Floral Addenda was beautifully rendered, calling forth deserved praise.

The report on correspondence was written by Sarah E. Wood, Past Grand Matron, and was prefaced as follows:

I take pleasure in submitting for your inspection the following report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

I have received the Proceedings of all the Grand Chapters, except Vermont and Rhode Island. The latter has, as yet, had no Proceedings printed, but through the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, to whom I wrote for information, I am able to give the list of officers elected at the first annual session held in the early part of this month.

Brother Stillson, Grand Secretary of Vermont, writes that their Proceedings are unavoidably delayed, but promises to send a copy as soon as possible, so that I may write a few "stabs" in time to be printed in the records; so, with your permission, I hope to add a review of Vermont to my report. I shall, however, write no "stabs." In preparing this report it has been my aim to give you only the most important items in the work of our sister jurisdictions—to quote with discrimination: comment with discretion, and express honest differences of opinion with kindly courtesy; not with keen criticism or covert sarcasm.

There is much that is hopeful in the outlook for the future. In the main, peace and harmony prevail, though the skies are not all cloudless. Misunderstandings will arise; differences of opinion exist of course. It would be strange, indeed, if it were otherwise, with the millenium still so far away. But

these differences of opinion are being, for the most part, discussed in a spirit of fraternity, and so long as this is the case, the discussions will result in good.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the deep interest that is being manifested in the practical application of the beneficent teachings of our Order. This order stands for all that is best and truest, and is rapidly gaining recognition as the able auxiliary of the Masonic fraternity.

The topics under general discussion are not many. Perhaps the most important, or at least the one receiving the largest share of attention, next to that of the "wisest methods of dispensing charity," and how we can best work and agree, is that of properly guarding our secret work; and I trust this agitation will continue until some definite action has been taken by all our Grand Chapters.

This is my first essay in this particular field of labor, and the signs of the 'prentice hand are, I know, only too evident, but I have done what I could; the work is before you, and if it shall meet with your approval; if the result shall be to inspire any of you with greater zeal for our cause; to awaken in your minds an ardent desire for a broader knowledge of what our Order is, and what it is accomplishing, then indeed, will it have been "toil repaid with treasure."

The Freemason and the Fez and THE EASTERN STAR were re-endorsed by the Grand Chapter as official organs.

The following Grand Officers were installed by Nettie Ransford, P. M. Worthy Grand Matron, assisted by Jennie E. Mathews, P. M. Worthy Grand Matron as Grand Marshal:

Delia B. Meredith, Grand Matron, Newton.
Rev. John W. Geiger, Grand Patron, Marion.
Mary B. Rathbun, Associate Grand Matron, Clinton.

William H. Norris, Associate Grand Patron, Manchester.

Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary, Council Bluffs.

Ella H. Houghton, Grand Treasurer, Red Oak.

Belle Adamson, Grand Conductress, La Mars.

Freda Oppenheimer, Associate Grand Conductress, Webster City.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ARKANSAS, 1896.

The Grand Chapter held its twenty-first session in Little Rock, beginning Nov. 16.

There was a large attendance and the guests from other Jurisdictions were Nettie Ransford, of Indiana, P. M. Worthy Grand Matron, and Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron of Indiana, who were introduced with Grand Honors.

The Grand Patron's address showed that he had labored zealously through the year for the good of the Order. He reported peace and harmony. He had sent out five hundred

THE CHRYSANTHEMUM EXHIBIT.

Tomlinson Hall has again been transformed into a bower of beauty for the all too brief reign of the "Autumn Queen." Never before has the arrangement and decoration been so nearly perfect, and one can hardly say which part was best, so finely were all parts blended into the harmonious whole. The rich festooning of evergreen; the red, white and blue streamers of bunting coming to a point in the ceiling over the centre-piece—a huge cornucopia hanging gracefully and apparently pouring forth a profusion of fern leaves, vines branches and lovely sprays of flowers; large strands of smilax pendant from the ceiling alternating with wide-spread Japanese umbrellas, of quaint designs and gaudy coloring; great green palm leaves spread out like fans at intervals around the balconies, and wreaths and garlands of smilax in unexpected places. Between the entrance doors, close to the south wall, stands a mantel, so arranged with maiden-hair ferns, smilax and foliage plants, varied and rare, as to form a most beautiful picture, containing over forty shades of green. Stately palms and decorative plants form a sort of screen between the entrance ways, and the vision of beauty beyond, and the stage banked with evergreens and palms and backed with bunting forms a most effective background. But the glory of all this fades into insignificance before the magnificence of the floral display. Of chrysanthemums there are more than two thousand single stem flowers, to say nothing of the hundreds of plants. The center bed has fifty white blooms in the middle. Forming rows about this are twenty-five yellow blooms; around this are fifty red, and still another circle has fifty yellow, and the outer edge is composed of fifty white blooms. The inside flowers are single ones on stems four feet high and the others are graduated to the outer circle. Surrounding this are beds of different shapes. Some have single blooms and others have plants.

The quality of flowers has never been finer, and they range in size from the button, which was the original of the chrysanthemum in this country, to the newest, which will fill a dinner plate and leave but a scant border of china to show what is underneath.

There are large vases filled with twenty-five blooms in each. These are magnificent specimens of the floral kingdom. They are in white that rivals the freshly fallen snow or yellow that vies with the orange, in various shades of pink, in deep maroon and in all the shades between from white to the deepest red. A particularly rich color is seen in the "Nyanza." This is a large flower with the incurving petals. The inside of the petal is a deep red and the outside a gold, with a sheen like the burnished metal.

The comments were as varied as the flowers themselves, from that of the crusty old man who likened a beautiful white "Jap" to "cold slaw stuck on a stick," to the dear old lady who saw in it all the work of a loving Father's

hand and felt her heart swell with gratitude for His gifts of beauty.

Then there were the roses! Three tables besides the baskets. The first prize taker was exquisite. The table was tastefully decorated with maidenhair fern, forced asparagus and the delicate, trailing, white and green leaved "vinca vini." Then, in addition to these decorative features, could be seen rare specimens of the cocas palm. The arrangement of the flowers was artistic to the largest degree and the varieties included, in bright reds, shell pinks, whites and yellows, the "Perles de Jardin," "American beauties," "meteors," "brides" and "bridesmaids."

Another exhibit included all the more popular and new varieties, and among the decorations of the table could be seen the Selagenela, a miniature scion of the pine family.

Then there were winter cannas, a table full, in rich reds and yellows, no two being marked alike, which made a brilliant spot of coloring and won many words of praise as well as the first prize.

Carnations were also shown in abundance and great beauty; and begonias rare and beautiful occupied a conspicuous place; while on an adjoining table were the cyclamens, those jolly looking flowers which seem like butterflies and which at one time had their home in the Swiss Alps and were known as the Switzer violets.

An exhibit of special delicacy and loveliness is among the ferns. It is the "Adiantum farleyemier," the finest fern ever grown. Its beautiful foliage is soft as thistle-down, over-spreading and of a light green, shaded out to a light bronze. It originally came from the dampest and darkest recesses of the valley of the Amazon. Altogether, the tenth Annual Exhibit reflects the highest credit upon the Society of Indiana Florists and was a pronounced success.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

A newspaper is soon to be published away up on the edge of the Arctic Circle, in Circle City, the new mining town of Alaska. Up to now people on the Yukon have had to depend for their news on their neighbors, the nearest newspaper office being hundreds of miles away. The paper is to be a weekly and the printing plant is shortly to be shipped there.

The new flag has a star for Utah which was admitted as a state in January, a new star being added by law, for each new state. This is done on the fourth of July following the admission of the state. We may need three more stars; one for each of the territories of New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma. These can be added to the second, fourth and sixth rows without changing the present design.

The following is a current story of Abraham Lincoln, which, if it is not true—as it probably is not—is at least entitled to a place in legendary literature. Lincoln was once riding along a lonely road when an ill-looking man, who held a revolver, suddenly faced him.

"What do you want, my friend," Lincoln said. "I am going to shoot you," answered the man.

"Well," said Lincoln, "I don't mind being killed, but I should like to know your reasons."

"I once vowed," said the man, "that if I ever met a man uglier than I am, I would shoot him."

Lincoln looked critically at his assailant for a minute and then said: "Well, if I am uglier than you are, then for pity's sake shoot."

Just now it is helpful to read so hopeful an item as the following from the Trade Journal:

"People are apt to think that the hard times which they experience are the hardest times that have ever been; and so they are for them. But one only needs to read the history of the world to learn that hard times have been perpetually coming to all nations in all periods of their existence. And so have good times, and so have chances for honest people to better their condition. There never yet was a night that was not followed by a day, nor a storm that was not followed by a calm. The sun is forever steadily shining in the heavens, and the clouds which sometimes obscure his rays are sure to break away and disperse, no matter how dark and threatening they may be for a time. The brave-hearted that hope and work on need never despair."

That a fine lesson and one never forgotten was learned by the offender, who can doubt?

A lady visited Sir Philip New on one occasion accusing herself of being a slanderer. "Do you frequently fall into this fault?" he inquired.

"Yes, very often," replied the penitent.

"My dear child, your fault is great," said Philip, "but the mercy of God is greater. I now bid thee do as follows: Go to the nearest market and purchase a chicken just killed, and still covered with feathers. Then walk a certain distance plucking as you go. Your walk finished return to me."

The woman did as directed and returned anxious to know the meaning of so singular an injunction.

"You have been very faithful to the first part of my orders," said Philip, "now do the second part and you will be cured. Retrace your steps, pass through all the places you have traversed and gather up one by one all the feathers you have scattered."

"But," said the woman, "I cast the feathers carelessly away and the wind carried them in all directions."

"Well, my child," replied Philip, "so it is with your words of slander. Like the feathers which the wind has scattered, they have been wafted in many directions. Call them back, if you can. Go, sin no more."

for celebrating the twelfth anniversary of the Chapter, as well as for the official visit of Maria W. Hyde, D. G. M. It was also the first meeting of the Chapter in the large and commodious hall, 730 Washington St. The altar was tastefully and very prettily entwined with smilax and pinks, and the East was enlivened with beautiful bouquets which were presented to the Dep. and her Mars. later in the evening. Although many would have most gladly been present had not the date been misunderstood, through change of time and place of meeting, still the hall was well filled with members and guests, fifteen Chapters being represented. Four candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner and several petitions were received. After the meeting a banquet was served.

Oct. 20 was Signet Chapter's day, Cambridge. The hall and parlors were looking their best for the reception of the Grand Officers. The altar and pedestal in the East were tastefully entwined with smilax through which fragrant red and white pinks were peeping, here and there, while beautiful bouquets adorned the East. At an early hour Hannah L. Knowles, D. G. M., arrived, accompanied by fifty-eight members of her Chapter, who had chartered a trolley car for the trip, to manifest their appreciation of the honor conferred upon the Chapter by the appointment of one of their number to so important a position. The G. P., Asso. G. P. and G. Chap. were also present and a large number of visitors representing thirteen Chapters. Two petitions were received, three candidates elected and one initiated in a very pleasing and impressive manner. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

The beautiful new Masonic Hall at Reading looked very bright and cheerful on the evening of Oct. 21, for the first initiation of Priscilla Chapter, under dispensation. Stately palms adorned the stations in the East, West and South, while beautiful potted plants and cut flowers were everywhere to be seen. The bright new jewels of the officers were suspended by knots of narrow ribbons of the colors of the Order, and looked very tasteful, new and unique. Three petitions were received; four candidates elected and seven initiated in a very pleasing manner. Some of the officers were obliged to fill more than one position, but having the work fully committed to memory, were able to do this with credit and honor. Visitors were present from Vesta, Melrose and Crescent Chapters. Refreshments were served at the close of the Chapter, and a social hour enjoyed.

Oct. 22, Grand Matron Carson officially visited Crystal Chapter, Malden, accompanied by the G. P., Asso. G. M. and P., G. Chap., G. Mars., Asso. G. Con., G. Sent. and others. The weather was all that could be wished, the bright new rooms were tastefully decorated and everything conspired to make this one of the pleasantest visitations of the season. The large and spacious chapter room was more than filled with members and

guests, nineteen Chapters being represented. Two petitions were received and the work exemplified in a very pleasing manner, the singing of Brother Treadwell and Sister Jacobs receiving special commendation. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Everyone looks forward to the visitation of Stella Chapter, Worcester, for an enjoyable evening, with the full assurance that the anticipation will be realized. This occurred Oct. 26, and the G. M. was accompanied by the G. P., Asso. G. M. and P., G. Sec., P. G. M's Crane and Harrington, P. G. P. Farnsworth, P. Asso. G. M. Maria H. Parker and a large number of past and present matrons and patrons. An early banquet was served, after which the representatives of nine Chapters assembled in the hall to witness the beautiful lessons of our Order, so impressively taught by the officers of Stella Chapter. Five candidates were initiated, after which the Floral Work was exemplified, and again the visitation of Stella Chapter passed into history with the most pleasant memories.

Two candidates were initiated in Mystic Chapter, East Boston, Nov. 2, and two petitions were received. At the conclusion of the work, an hour and a half was spent socially, during which an entertainment on the graphophone was given, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, received four petitions Nov. 2, and did a large amount of routine business of especial interest only to the members.

Perhaps no meeting of Blue Hill Chapter, U. D., Hyde Park, since its organization has been so fraught with interest to the members as that held Nov. 3, for on that evening the G. P. was present to inspect their work, and upon their proficiency would depend their weal or woe, in regard to becoming a full fledged Chapter. It was indeed a great pleasure to witness the confidence manifested that he was present to assist and instruct them, rather than like some great ogre, to annihilate, and thus the officers acquitted themselves most creditably, to the great pleasure and satisfaction of the G. P. This Chapter worked assiduously through the heated term of the past summer, suspending only one meeting, and a large increase in membership, excellent proficiency in the work, and a well furnished chapter room is the result. One petition was received, ten candidates were elected and seven initiated in a very pleasing manner. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening, and a social hour enjoyed.

November 4, was the day set apart for the official visitation of Highland Chapter, Somerville. This is the home Chapter of Frank A. Noyes, A. G. P., and a great interest was manifested by the members to honor him by their presence, twenty-two Chapters and three Grand Jurisdictions being represented. The G. M. was accompanied by the G. P., Asso. G. M. and P., Asso. G. Con., G. Mars.,

G. A., G. Sent., and a large number of past matrons, patrons and Past Grand Officers, among the number being P. G. P. Loring, who organized the Chapter. After the usual inspection, the work was exemplified in a very pleasing manner, the singing by Mrs. Carrie H. Brown adding much to its impressiveness, drawing forth words of highest commendation from the Grand Officers. The floral decorations for the hall were elaborate and very beautiful. With an expression of thought that was truly eloquent the W. M., in behalf of the Chapter, presented the G. M., Asso. G. M. and G. Mars. with beautiful bouquets of chrysanthemums tied with wide satin ribbon. Refreshments were served.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, was officially visited by Hannah L. Knowles, D. G. M., Nov. 9, She was honored by the presence of the G. M. and P., Asso. G. M. and P., G. Chap., G. Mars., P. G. P. Loring who also organized this Chapter and a large number of past and present matrons and patrons, all of whom attended her on her suite. A large number of members and visitors were present, representing eighteen Chapters. The chapter room and banquet hall were beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion, bunches of chrysanthemums being caught on the draperies here and there, as if blown by some fair wind. This is the home Chapter of the Asso. G. Con. and over it she presides with dignity and composure. Six candidates were initiated in a pleasing and impressive manner. Refreshments were served.

Grand Matron Carson officially visited Keystone Chapter, Boston, Nov. 10, accompanied by the G. P., Asso. G. M. and P., G. Chap., G. Mars., G. A., G. E. and a large number of Past Grand Officers, matrons and patrons. The chapter room was well filled with members and visitors, twenty-four chapters from three Grand Jurisdictions being represented. Two candidates were elected, one was affiliated and two were initiated, with much honor and credit to the officers. The floral decorations for the occasion were very pleasing, but the bright new paraphernalia of the Chapter detracted much of the attention therefrom. The paraphernalia was procured by contributions of the members, rather than in the least deplete the treasury therefor, and toward which Brother Jared W. Crowell, W. P., very generously contributed fifty dollars. Past Matron Ellen E. Mellen, not willing to be too far outdone, presented the Chapter with an elegant Signet, mounted and framed ready for use. The background is of white satin, on which the colors are in applique, edged with gold braid, and the emblems are hand painted. The W. M. in her usual pleasing manner presented the G. and G. Mars., with beautiful bouquets; and, in behalf of the W. P. presented the Asso. M. Sister Alice M. Blossom, with a bouquet, in recognition of the pleasure it gave the Chapter to see her again in her station. As the W. M. was about to close the Chapter, Brother Wm. A. Blossom interrupted her

saying "it wouldn't be Keystone Chapter if he didn't get in a word in some way," then, in a very complimentary speech, presented the W. M. with a very beautiful silver tea service of six pieces, in token of the appreciation of her unselfish and faithful services in the Chapter. This was a great surprise to the W. M., and the eloquent words of thanks which usually flow so glibly from her lips were hushed, and she could little more than say those few short but expressive words—"I thank you." At the close of the meeting refreshments were served, and this meeting of Keystone Chapter—so full of pleasant memories—passed into history.

November 11, was Vesta's day. The chapter room was beautifully decorated with smilax, evergreen, cut flowers and potted plants, the front of the dias being a perfect bank of evergreen, from which peeped, here and there, beautiful chrysanthemums, for the reception of Maria W. Hyde, D. G. M., who was to officially visit the Chapter on that evening. She was accompanied by Asso. G. P., G. Chap., G. Sent., P. G. P. Loring, and a large number of past and present matrons and patrons. A large number of visitors gathered to enjoy the occasion, nineteen Chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions being represented. Three candidates were initiated in a very pleasing and impressive manner, drawing forth many words of commendation from the Grand Officers. Refreshments were served.

Asso. G. M. Isadore Forbes, Dep. for Aurora Chapter, Natick, made her official visit to that Chapter, Nov. 13. She was accompanied by Asso. G. P. Noyes, and many past matrons and patrons. The chapter room was very beautifully decorated with evergreens, enlivened with alder berries and potted plants in bloom. A banquet was served at early evening, then all assembled again in the chapter room to witness the beautiful work of our Order, which was very impressively rendered. The marching, although not elaborate, was worthy of especial mention for precision with which it was performed. Three candidates were elected and five initiated in a very pleasing manner, which was greatly enhanced by the singing of Miss Ida J. Fiske, the sweet rich tones of whose voice once heard will long remain in memory. Eleven Chapters were represented among those present on this very enjoyable occasion.

Orient Chapter, South Framingham, was next honored with a visit from D. G. M. Forbes. The cheery Masonic Hall was made still brighter by beautiful flowers, evergreens filled with bright red berries and a canopy of crepe paper of the colors of the Order, appropriately festooned. After a short reception, a banquet was served at early evening, then the members reassembled in the hall and the work was very impressively rendered, interspersed with solos by Brother Will L. Miller, whose clear rich notes added much to its impressiveness. Six petitions were received, three candidates elected and four in-

itiated, after which the Floral Work was presented in a very pleasing manner.

Ten chapters were well represented.

R. E. L.

MINNESOTA.

Laurel Crown Chapter, Ortonville, is doing very creditable work for a young Chapter. The W. M. is a most zealous worker and though she lives seventeen miles away, has not missed but one meeting since her election.

Gold Leaf Chapter, Graceville, held a special meeting October 28, but owing to the illness of candidates, no initiations were had. Brother W. O. Sterling, Annandale, made some remarks and read several poems by Robert Morris, after which a conundrum social was held, which caused much merriment.

Vesta Chapter, Annandale, at the close of their regular meeting Sept. 12, adjourned to the home of their Electa, to take part in the naming of little Vesta Matthews, and feel quite honored by having their name thus happily bestowed. Ice cream, sandwiches and coffee were served and the occasion was very enjoyable. The W. M. sets an excellent example in that, though living five miles distant, she has failed but once to be present unless detained by illness.

Oct. 30, Naomi Chapter, Sauk Centre gave a Hallowe'en party to her Chapter and their families and about fifty invited guests. Both lodge room and banquet hall were decorated with lighted pumpkins which gave a novel effect. Most of those who took part in the dance programme came masked and the costumes were both novel and unique. After the grand march and several changes had been danced, at the sound of the gong all unmasked. The dancing was interspersed with games, and light refreshments were served. The guests departed for their homes about twelve well pleased with their evening's pleasure.

MISSOURI.

The flower show and the W. C. T. U. National Convention served beautifully to quiet the agitation of the previous week and to lull to rest the beatings of the political pulse, which is ever ready to subside under the influence of the beautiful and true. St. Louis holds the distinction of nominating the people's choice for President. Tuscan Chapter is hard at work; has initiations at every meeting. The W. M. of Venus Chapter and several sisters visited Anchor Chapter, Oct. 26. This chapter was organized the week before the cyclone. The beautiful hall was destroyed and they were obliged to seek a new home; nothing daunted, it was found. The signet, taken from the ruins unharmed, hangs in a very pretty room. On this occasion the officers of Bellefontaine Chapter paid a fraternal visit and occupied the chairs. Sister Lulu Steinman, a young lady, makes a very creditable Matron. Sister Hattie Water-

house, P. M. of Tuscan Chapter, presented a silver goblet for the fifth point of the star; a Bible was given by a brother and sister of Anchor. Bro. Gillespie, of Bellefontaine, made the presentations and Anchor's Patron accepted in a very neat speech. After initiating two brothers refreshments were served.

Barbee Chapter, organized in '95 was suddenly bereft of its oldest member, Dr. A. B. Barbee, for whom it was named. This Chapter was well represented at our last G. C. St. Louis can report six healthy chapters. The Committee on Erection of Eastern Star Chapel for the use of the Masonic Home, met and decided to proceed with the completion of the Chapel and desire it shall be finished before the next meeting of our G. C. in Oct. GRAND TREASURER.

NEW YORK.

Nov. 7, Stella Chapter had a gala night, it being the celebration of the completion of the quarter of a century. An assemblage of three hundred participated in the festivities. The room was elegantly decorated, and over the dais were silver characters bearing the dates 1871-1906. It was also the event of the official visit of Sister Kate E. Maxwell, D. G. M., who was received with all the pomp and eclat possible. Sister Eleanor Burton, first W. M., was invited to preside; after the usual routine of business, the D. D. G. M. was admitted and welcomed; the vested choir of St. Ephiphany's church, (thirty persons) entered, singing a wedding processional selection. Mr. Alonzo J. Burton, who took the first minutes Nov. 2, 1871, and is present secretary, read a brief history, giving all the statistics possible, as well as the notable meetings. The history will be printed in souvenir form. The first act of charity was a donation to Miriam Chapter, Chicago, who lost everything in the great fire. Remarks were made by Sister Maxwell, and Miss Anna L. Brooks, G. M. Several selections followed by the choir; humorous recitations by Frank D. Maltby; vocal selections by Mrs. Nickolds and a half hour entertainment on the graphophone under the direction of Mr. Frank D. Palmer. Sister Burton was the recipient of a jewel studded with diamonds, as well as several floral gifts. Mr. Edwin Selvege made the presentations. The gifts were a complete surprise. At the conclusion of the entertainment refreshments were served in the large hall below. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and pronounced as having no superior in the history of the order in these cities.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Your radiant columns carry cheery enjoyment to members of our great sisterhood, wherever fortune has cast their lot; and even the refractory ones (which you seem sometimes tempted to call them) in the Empire State, who continue their course independent of the starry system of the G. G. C., await your visits with an appreciation generated by fidelity to the cause

and fostered by an abiding love for the righteous principles and holy purposes of our renowned Order. The three western counties of this great state—Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua—form the 14th Dist. of the Order. Although so extensive in area, until four years ago it contained but a single Chapter. Lockport is the setting that holds the oldest of the lustrous gems, which is not dimmed by added years, but grows in the charm and brilliancy she sheds about her. Acacia Chapter, Sherman, and Naomi Chapter, Buffalo, obtained charters the same year, 1894, and each has employed the time since passed in a successful pursuit of the pleasures of beneficence and happiness. Naomi Chapter, established in the thrifty "Queen City," has far greater social privileges and opportunities which she improves in a manner worthy of emulation. Acacia Chapter is like a scion of the green symbols of immortality cast amidst the sheltering environments of a quiet village, where peace and harmony abound in the hearts of the industrious and intelligent citizens, and honor and sobriety mark their way. This Chapter moves serenely on, taking to herself new members at frequent intervals, and making the regular communications a means of intellectual improvement and social enjoyment. Her "Fifth Wednesdays" are a marvel of friendly intercourse with great variety of entertainment, ranging from the ordinary supperless sociable through the list of spelling bee, ghost masquerade of Halloween, the play of "Masonry a la Lease," and numerous programmes of refined and refining music, papers, addresses and recitations; with refreshments varying from the most simple appetite tickler to the more elaborate collation. Last June charters were granted to two other Chapters in this district, making a penta-starred multiple. Acanthus Chapter, Mayville, within sight and sound of the far famed Chautauqua chimes, is indeed an ornament of rare beauty, as her well chosen home would indicate; in hospitality she cannot be excelled. It is safe to say that Crown Chapter, Westfield, perfected herself in the ritualistic work of the Order in as short a time as ever a Chapter did. She wears her name with such grace and dignity as is never seen apart from royal blood. Like the younger children of a family, these Chapters are the pride of the District and their development is watched with sympathetic interest and approval. True harmony reigns; each Chapter is busy making additions to its list of members; and other towns are seeking the light of our glorious Eastern Star. Masonry has a strong hold here and the brethren desire the Adoptive Rite for their friends. The outlook is encouraging and full of promise. All are striving to extend the rule of our noble principles—love, relief and truth—adding here and there a ray, making the world better and richer in wisdom and happiness.

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OREGON.

It is with pleasure that we record the generally prosperous condition of the Chapters in Oregon. Several called off during the summer to resume labor after their recreation with renewed zeal, while many find it better to hold their regular meetings, having always enough "in harness" to keep up the work.

Among the Chapter incidents of Oct. was a surprise party given by the members of Adarel, to their honored Patron, Judge R. S. Dunlap, a well known Oregon pioneer. The occasion was the sixty-ninth anniversary of his birth. The day, Oct. 8, had passed uneventfully, but in the evening he received a message to come to the hall for rehearsal. Unsuspecting, he accompanied the messenger. He found the room ablaze with light and filled with members of the Order. He was overwhelmed with congratulations, and Dr. A. C. Caldwell, in a neat speech, on behalf of the sisters, presented him with a handsome oak rocking chair. He was invited to a seat in the new rocking chair, while an interesting literary and musical programme was rendered, closing with a serenade by the Jacksonville silver cornet band. In the center of the hall was a pyramid of sixty-nine lighted candles, with one on top "for luck." The guest of the evening was then escorted to the banquet hall, where all sat down to a bountiful and delicious lunch. Judge Dunlap has marked this sixty-ninth milestone with a large red letter.

St. Mary's, the home of Sister Helm, our G. M., is quite up to date and does not allow the interest to flag for want of the unique element in their socials. At their last communication, after transacting the regular business and adjourning, they had an old fashioned spelling match, which was as amusing as such contests usually are. This was followed by corn meal mush and milk. All restraint was laid aside and all enjoyed themselves. "You seem to know how to have a good time," said a visitor. "Yes, we are one family here," answered the member addressed. This is the true spirit of the Order and if always acted upon would do more for our advancement than any other thing.

Hope reports things in a flourishing condition. They have initiated six members, the latter part of the year past. They devote one meeting each month to socials, knowing that by "social enjoyment we may lighten the burden of active duty."

Martha Washington is as active in good work as ever. She has organized a Relief Corps, of which their Patron, Bro. McArdle, is chairman, for careful oversight of their jurisdiction, that no sister or brother in distress may go unrelieved.

Myrtle Chapter called off during July and August, but is hard at work again, the members seeming to have brought a fresh fund of vitality from lake, mountain and seashore. On the evening of Nov. 13, though perhaps the stormiest of the season, members and

their friends to the number of about two hundred assembled to see the drill of the Broom Brigade. In uniform of dark blue with coquettish white caps and aprons, brooms over their shoulders, and dustpans on their back, they elicited a storm of applause, even as they marched in. The drill was gone through with military precision, fresh approval breaking out at each succeeding maneuver. The sergeants were Mrs. Emily McLean and Miss Burnie Dalton. They were drilled by Capt. Theo. Eckeelson, who at the close, was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers. Some instrumental music by the Misses Wells, and two pretty dances by little Mabel Cameron, added to the pleasure of the audience. After the program was finished, all were invited to the banquet hall, where a delightful luncheon was spread. Half way up the hall glittered a brilliant electric star. No one point shown with greater clearness than another; thus illustrating the lesson, if so we would read it, that all the virtues fully exemplified make a perfect whole. Myrtle Chapter has the largest membership in the state, and Miss Pearson is the youngest W. M.

Mariam has had a quietly successful year. The social features have been kept up and entire harmony prevails. There is no rivalry except that "noble emulation as to who can best work and best agree."

Camelia was "off duty" for two months, but when they were called to order in Sept. by the "sound of the gavel in the East" a resolution could be read in the faces to make up for lost time. A Union Fraternal meeting was announced when Camelia would exemplify the work for Vancouver. Miss Van Vleet is an excellent officer, and the work was well done, Adah's charge being especially well given. Mrs. Margaret Lutke read an interesting paper on "How shall we make our meetings interesting?" and Mr. L. W. Sutton read an excellent paper on "The History of the Order." After the Chapter closed an elegant luncheon was served, and another step was taken in the advancement of fraternal regard.

Oct. 10, Mizpah Chapter celebrated the second anniversary of its organization. While this is one of the smallest links in the great chain, no Chapter has greater harmony within its ranks or tries more earnestly to keep the tenets of the faith. It also believes in "letting the light shine" and when the mystic signal which denotes the closing of the Chapter had been given, the portals were opened and troops of friends with cheerful greetings, almost filled the hall. The W. G. M. and W. G. P. had been invited, but were unable to be present. Sister Kellogg, P. G. M., Brother Bridgeford, P. G. P., and Sister McLean, who organized our Chapter, were with us. After an hour or two of different amusements, all repaired to the hall below, where more substantial entertainment awaited them. Something after the "solemn midnight hour," they separated apparently well

satisfied. Mizpah has a slow growth, her eligible material being scattered all over the county, there being no other Chapter, and one Masonic lodge. She has no suspended members; has initiated five since June, and only once has the silent messenger entered her doors.

When Columbia was organized nearly two years ago, a successful future was prophesied for her. Events have proven the prophecy a true one. Sister Myers, who was chosen the first W. M. still holds that position. She is D. D. G. M. for the 7th Dist. and necessarily gives part of her time to other Chapters, but her own is never neglected.

They have bought and paid for an organ, and still have money in the treasury. They are now taking up the Floral Work which adds so much to the beauty of our ceremonies.

Sister Myers accompanied by Sister Martha Biggs, made an official visit to Hood River. She reports them working nicely, with books well kept. Light refreshments and a social time closed a pleasant evening. And so our record making goes on—a bright place here, another one there, the darkness gradually disappearing until at last "there shall be no night."

JENNIE G. MUCKLE.

TEXAS.

At the end of the labors of the Grand Chapter, a little group gathered in the parlors of Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, awaiting the summons to a dinner given by L. S. Garrison, P. G. P., to the distinguished guest of the Grand Chapter, Sister Partridge. The others present were Sisters Kate Birch, G. M., Laura B. Hatt, G. S., Brother F. W. McKee, P. P. of Tarrant Chapter; Sister L. S. Garrison, P. M. of Dallas Chapter.

The dinner, in ten courses, embracing every delicacy of the season, was served in the style for which the elegant Worth Hotel is famed. It was a most enjoyable affair, and Brother Garrison, who is a man of integrity and honor, and whose great ability for managing conventions was most ably demonstrated by the manner in which he disposed of the vast amount of business before the Grand Chapter, and before displayed by his watchful care over his home Chapter, Dallas, of which he is the very father, so delighted Sister Partridge that at parting she expressed the wish that he might occupy a seat by her side in the G. G. C. Dallas Chapter is proud to know that Brother Garrison has been so highly honored.

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catures or comic pictures with some lines of poor verse, or wonderful combinations of lace-paper, flowers and sentiment have made the month a burden to the postal employees, while they have given many a wound, painted a moral, or made the receiver happy for long hours, as the case may be. And now history begins to repeat itself and the custom of sending gifts of varied nature and more or less intrinsic value to one's friends prevails, and St. Valentine's Day now bears a strong resemblance to Merry Christmas.

HATTIE B. JOHNSON.

POSTERS.

[Laura A. Smith in Indiana Woman.]

"Reddy" Watson, burglar, (don't shudder, he was not a bad-looking chap, young and smooth-faced, and none would have suspected his calling) walked softly across the veranda of the Wright's suburban home, and turned the knob gently to see if it would give. Everything looked auspicious. From across the tracks he had watched the men who came in on the suburban train, and not one of them had come down the road leading to the Wright villa. That settled the man, for he had seen one leave the house in the morning and take the train to the city. Half an hour later he had seen the maid servant go about the house and make all "safe"—he grinned at the recollection—and then had seen her depart. That made one less woman to scream in case he was detected.

He only got thus far in his ruminations when a startling thing happened. The door which he was trying was flung back and an excited young woman, who started back for an instant when she first saw a stranger, grabbed his arm, and fairly screamed:

"Oh, thank heaven you have come, sir! My poor little baby is dying and I am alone! Come—"

And before his bewildered brain could right itself, "Reddy" was being dragged upstairs by this very excited young woman whose breath came in gasps. The situation was fraught with danger to him; besides, he didn't know a blessed thing about "kids." He wanted to cut and run, but he couldn't, and the first he knew he was in a prettily furnished bed-room, and standing over a crib wherein a baby lay twisting and squirming.

The young mother looked at the baby in agony. "Croup," she said, "and I sent Nora away, and Mr. Wright didn't come on the train. Run down to the kitchen and start up the fire and heat some water, quick!"

By this time Reddy's sympathies were enlisted in the poor little baby and its pretty mother, and he hustled down the back stairs where he thought the kitchen ought to be. There were a few coals in the range, and the box was full of kindling. He could make a fire at least. Once he thought of slipping out the back door, but the young mother's voice came down the back stairs:

"Put some water on to heat in the tea-ket-

tle. In the cupboard you will find a can of lard, bring it to me quick!"

On went the teakettle in a jiffy, and Reddy went flying upstairs with the lard. A second sight of the poor little suffering baby frightened him and he sped down stairs to make the fire roar under the kettle. He wiped the perspiration from his forehead, and said "Thank God" under his breath, when a cloud of steam came from the kettle spout. Upstairs again; he helped the mother fix the hot bath and took off his coat to help hold the baby in it. Her warm white hands met his, and she looked at him fearlessly and trustingly. No lady ever looked at him like that, and he felt glad she did not know who he really was. Together they fought for the child's life. He followed directions explicitly, and as he stepped softly and had long delicate fingers that neither dropped things nor spilled them, she gave him many words of approval. When she put the gasping baby into his arms and had him hold it while she got the medicine down it, he actually spoke soothingly to the child and encouraged the mother. She was a brave little woman; he himself would have been scared to death.

Finally the fight was won and the baby was sleeping peacefully in its crib once more. Then the little mother sank down on her knees beside the cradle and sobbed softly lest she awake the baby.

"How I wish Jack would come," she said. Then remembering her helper, she looked up through her tears: "But you have been a God-send to me, Mr.—Mr.—" she paused helplessly.

"Jones!" said Reddy, putting on his coat, preparing to leave.

"Oh, please, Mr. Jones, if your wife and family won't worry (Reddy coughed to hide a smile) won't you wait until my husband comes? He's missed the train but will surely come on the freight at midnight."

Reddy was getting desperate. He had decided not to sneak any of the rings or trinkets which lay scattered about the room, and he had also virtuously decided not to take any of the silver below, but he didn't care to be martyr enough to stay and perhaps be recognized by Mr. Wright. He looked at the little woman. Her lips trembled and her eyes were full of tears. Reddy was conquered.

"Now see here," he whispered, "you just lie down on the bed and go to sleep, and I'll sit outside the door where I can watch it (he meant the baby) until he comes. You're played out and will be sick yourself if you don't."

She looked at him gratefully.

"You are so kind," she murmured, "I believe I will have to lie down, I am so tired."

Reddy sat patiently at the head of the steps until he heard some one whistling outside. He gave a last peep into the bedroom. The baby was still asleep, and the regular breathing of its mother showed that she too had fallen asleep. Then Reddy ran down the

stairs, lighted the hall gas and softly opened the door. He didn't intend to have Mr. Wright catch him there in the dark and shoot him.

Mr. Wright, a handsome young man, started back in amazement as he saw Reddy in the hall. But Reddy stepped outside and closed the door.

"Sh-sh-sh!" he warned. Then he told what had happened. "But they're both asleep now and you mustn't wake 'em."

Mr. Wright was overcome for a few minutes. Then he started to rush upstairs, but Reddy pulled him back.

"Now don't you go and wake 'em up," he said roughly, "she's clean played out, and she'll be sick herself if you don't let her sleep."

Begging just for a peep at his darlings, Mr. Wright, accompanied by the vigilant Reddy, stole softly upstairs and viewed them from the hall, for Reddy was inexorable. Then, man-like, Mr. Wright remembered that he was hungry and insisted on Reddy's joining him at the supper Nora had left in the warming oven. They ate in the kitchen so as to make no noise. Mr. Wright made Reddy hold the candle while they went into the cellar for two bottles of beer, and he fairly showered thanks on Reddy. His questions, though kindly put were embarrassing, but Reddy was a good liar and glibly told that he was out of work at present and was stopping with a farmer up above.

"Well, old fellow," said Mr. Wright, "I can tell by your hands you are not used to hard labor, (Reddy winced at 'hard labor,' it had a penitentiary sentence sound) and you come to me to-morrow and I can give you some desk work for a while."

Finally the supper was over and Reddy vowed he must be off. Then Mr. Wright laid one hand on Reddy's shoulder and clasped the other warmly. "You've been a God-send to Maizie and me to-night, my dear friend, and we'll never forget you. Take my card and come around to-morrow."

Reddy paused in the dark road to examine his "find." In one pocket was a business card, "Rodney T. Wright, Attorney-at-law," in the other a little rosette of baby-blue ribbon. It had fallen from the throat of her wrapper.

He tore the card into bits, then hid the rosette in an inside pocket of his vest.

"It's been a losing night for me," he said.

It takes a brave man and woman to pause, in the midst of life's duties, and carefully, honestly, impartially study their own lives; examine into their own thoughts and motives and pass a correct judgment upon them. Have you ever tried to do it? "Know thyself" was uttered more than forty centuries ago. Do you think you know yourself? Doubtless many of us know our neighbors pretty well; we think we know how they would act under certain circumstances—do we know what we would do? What is the one strong, ruling motive power in your life? Can you tell? Is it a selfish or an unselfish one? Is your chief aim and object in life to do right, to please God and serve your fellow-man? Or does the whole current of your life empty into the ocean of "self"? We can determine these questions for ourselves, if we will. An honest effort on our part may wound our pride, but it will do us good.—Masonic Journal.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

MRS. RANSFORD:

MADAM:—Should this be of interest, you are at liberty to publish it.

Monday evening, December twenty-eight, 1896, closed the first year of Esther Chapter, and we feel some pride in the record made. The Chapter was instituted January ninth, 1896, with forty-four charter members; the same evening the new officers, none of them ever having served as such before, acted upon the petitions of fifty-three persons, one for affiliation, and conferred the degrees on fifty-two.

In presenting the retiring Matron, Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy, with a beautiful Past Matron's jewel, I referred to present membership, one hundred and fifty-nine; that \$800.63 has been paid over to the treasurer; that \$235.91 has been expended for the necessary furniture, books and paraphernalia; that \$132.25 has been paid out for rent and salaries; that all debts and obligations against the Chapter have been fully paid and at the close of its first year the Chapter has assets valued at \$607.16, including cash balance of \$193.47 and no liabilities. Every member of the Chapter is clear of the books for dues.

The jewels were presented to the Chapter by the brothers. In presenting the jewel to Sister Handy, after citing the foregoing I said to her:

"Fully appreciating the zeal with which you have performed the duties of your office as the first Worthy Matron of Esther Chapter, and the success attending the same, they have commissioned me to say that no words of theirs could so fittingly and adequately express to you the love and esteem they entertain for you, as would some little token suitable to this occasion. Therefore have I the honor to present to you, in their name, this jewel, made of that metal whose color symbolizes constancy, so significant of yourself in the increasing efforts you have made for the upbuilding and advancement of our beautiful Order, and embellished with a gem whose color symbolizes light, purity and joy, so appropriate to yourself as a symbol of the light you have given to Esther Chapter, the purity of your motives displayed in your every official act, and the joy you always exhibit at meeting a member of our Order. May you ever wear it with honor to yourself and credit to the Order of the Eastern Star."

The officers were installed by the Grand Matron, that being the date of her official visitation. The ceremonies were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music; later, all repaired to the banquet room where the wants of the "inner man" were catered to.

Our meeting place is the Asylum of the Knights Templar, a beautiful room. In the East I decorated the wall back of the chairs with two beautiful silk United States flags. An exquisite basket of roses was presented to the Grand Matron by Sister Flora Gibson, and one of roses and violets to the Grand

Patron by Miss Harifa Hancock. Some three or four hundred people were present.

Another matter I would like to know what other people know about, viz.: Robert Morris says:—(See Proceedings, N. Y., 1873, p. 29.)—"Adoptive Masonry was brought to the United States by French officers, it is believed, during the Revolutionary War. I have not the data at hand to prove this statement, but I believe it can be proved. In the 'Eastern Star Manual,' compiled by Robert Macoy, the statement is made in the preface that, 'the Order of the Eastern Star was established in the United States in 1778.' This is an error; it should have read, 'Adoptive Masonry was established at that time,' etc. (Edition 1868 1873, see also 1876.)

A friend of mine, and a prominent brother in the Order, writes me that he recently purchased a book, (I quote him), which shows most conclusively that the Order of Eastern Star is older than generally supposed. The name of the book is 'Thesaurus of Ancient and Honorable Order of Eastern Star.' This ritual is the work of the following named brothers as a committee to arrange a set of ceremonies, viz.: John Mayhew, L. R. C. Jones and Robert Lennox, who drew up their report May seventeenth, 1793, and the same was adopted at the Supreme Council held in Boston, Mass., on the following day. The work passed through five editions, of which the third appeared in 1819, the fourth in 1845, and the fifth in 1847.

The preface states that the O. E. S. performed good work both in the Revolution and in the war of 1812. The brothers were called Proctors and the ladies Sisters, with the following persons eligible to membership—widows, wives, daughters, sisters, who must be fifteen or upwards. The Chapter was termed a Constellation; the officers, Sister Principal, Vice Principal, Secretary, Treasurer; Five Sisters of Rays, viz., Ray of Blue, Orange, White, Green and Red. The first degree was called attachment and styled initiation; second, the degree of orange; fourth, the degree of exalting, or the green degree; fifth, the perfecting, or the red degree. The charges in this old MSS are ably written and show that the composers were polished writers."

Can you put this out and invite investigation? If I can get space in my report, which is quite lengthy, will refer to it.

Now after midnight, so good morning.

Yours fraternally.

H. H. VAN DEUSEN.

HOME NURSING.

[Emma Churchman Hewitt in The Woman's Journal.]

In almost every household, there is the feminine member of the family upon whom devolves the work of nursing, during cases of illness of more or less duration. When the family consists of adults one daughter has generally gradually slipped into her mother's place in this respect, but while the

children are small, the mother is, of course the family nurse.

For many reasons this is as it should be, perhaps, but, for a greater number, the mother is the very last person to undertake the work, both on her own account and on that of the child she is to nurse.

In the first place, the mother argues in favor of her affection for the child, while this same affection is the greatest argument against her real efficiency. By reason of her very feeling, she is prevented from doing firmly and regularly all that is required in nursing. She "uses her judgment" when strict attention to orders is necessary. The patient cries and whines, and, unless she is an exceptional mother, the teaspoonful of bitter medicine is either made very scant, or the time for taking is delayed. She resorts to coaxing and cajoling and persuading, all of which is deleterious to the patient, and retards convalescence by inducing a condition of excitement.

If all this could be of any possible benefit to the invalid, then, indeed, would there be nothing to say. But it is not, and is, as well, an unwarrantable sacrifice upon the part of the mother, as I think we can prove later.

A nurse trained for the purpose, or even an obliging neighbor or relative, is of far more advantage all around. She can see, and will see, that there is great regularity of treatment in the sick-room. She, having her mind free from other household arrangements and management, can give her undivided attention to the patient. And she can do it with far less mental and physical strain than can the mother. While the mother is making Mary's bed or administering her medicine, she has her ears constantly open to listen for baby's cries, and her nose constantly tilted to catch the odors ascending from the kitchen. For only in this way, from her isolated perch, can she judge whether the meals are being hurried, or even being started on time. Her mind is in a constant strain devising plans, laying out future work, wondering what the children are at, and tending the patient. What wonder that the last imbibes from her nurse a restless frame of mind which affects her whole system? For, little as one may believe it, nothing is more quickly communicated to a patient than the mental atmosphere of the nurse.

Now, then, for the mother herself. House-keeping, with its multifarious duties and demands, is, if well conducted, enough for one woman to contend with. Add to this the conditions previously spoken of, and what wonder that the illness of the nurse so often follows that of the child or husband, and now some one must come in to take the mother's place. How much better to have a nurse for the first invalid, and thus avoid the probability of a second, by leaving the mother to pursue her regular avocations without the added physical and mental labor entailed by watching beside the sick-bed of one near and dear! The mere wear and tear upon the affections in witnessing sufferings one is not able to relieve is in itself strain enough to break many down.

Hence, as we have argued, whoever may or may not be called upon to do it, a mother is the very last one to undertake the "home nursing."—The Home.

OUR STAR.

[An original poem read by Mrs. Grace Oswald, at a meeting of Laurel Chapter, Roann, Ind.]

Behold a star of magnitude bright!
'Tis the Eastern Star and it shines tonight.
May its beams in splendor of beauty
Guide our feet in the path of duty.

Its membership now is fifty-two,
And still they are wheeling into view,
Comets and meteors, planets and moons,
Are all represented in these platoons.

Stephen and Lizzie at the head shine out,
And always put the foe to route;
Another Lizzie is next in rank,
For very good service we have her to thank.

Rose and Miranda assist each other
The same as Damon and his famed brother,
Odessa and Sarah come now in sight,
Between them the door is guarded just right.

But the two that cover themselves with glory
Are Elizabeth Smith and Nora Story;
One holds the books, the other the cash,
We hope they will neither do anything rash.

Now the five dazzling points of the star appear,
In which Daisy and Rose are hovering near,
Lucy and Lou each with smiling face,
Performs her work with ease and Grace.

There's Nettie and Nellie, the Miller's daughters,
With voice like the sound of rippling waters;
While Jessie, Ombra and Ura all
Acceptably fill their place in the hall.

Here's Ida Eby and Hippensteel's Idy
Whose books were accurate, neat and tidy.
The same we can say of Mrs. Blanche Smyth,
Without fear that any will think it a myth.

Two small members are Belle and Molly,
Small in stature but very jolly.
Celia, Lizzie and Katherine too
Are somewhat larger, but then they'll do.

Libbie Huddleston and Buttler's Mary,
Are ready for work and never contrary.
While Mollie and Phrona are ever willing
To help with work as well as shilling.

We'll notice Sis and Etha her girl,
As into the galaxy they now whirl
Each with look that says I'm here,
To do the duty lying near.

This couple coming are Allie and Mabel,
Each one willing to help as she's able.
And now to the gentlemen proper we'll turn,
Of course it would never do, them to spurn.

They have rendered good service, one and all,
Have answered our every beck and call.
Three especially we must thank,
George and Albert as well as Frank.

Their praises we'll chant both loud and long,
For securing those girls, the sisters of song.
Azro and Chris have helped us too,
Their deeds we'll ever keep in view.

Another Frank has met with us here,
His last name, Story doth appear.
While John, the son of the first named Frank,
Should not be lost for he's no crank.

Elmer and James, two faithful members,
Every one of us remembers.
John the Buttler and Conner's LaRoy!
'Tis hard to tell which is the finest boy.

Aram, Rob, Johnathan, Homer and Wood
Vie with each other in being good.
When one is needed they all shine so
Their brilliancy causes a perfect glow.

The Smiths have been twinkling like precious stones,
At last we've succeeded in getting a Jones.
So now we intend to scour the town,
To see if we cannot capture a Brown.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1896.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—I was some surprised on opening my always welcome visitor, THE EASTERN STAR, to see that not a word had been sent to you about our last Grand Chapter Session, so I will now take this opportunity to tell you a little concerning it. Our Grand Matron made her official visit to Conawaeta Chapter, Susquehanna, while en route to Pittston. Monday morning, November sixteenth, we started together for that place, as she had stayed at our home while here. We also had for company our Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Associate Matron. On arriving in the Diamond City we took the trolley for the Eagle Hotel, where we, as Grand Officers, had been assigned; that evening we attended Wyoming Chapter and saw the work exemplified to perfection; not a Ritual was to be seen; every one knew his part. After Chapter closed ice cream and cake were served, and a very pleasant hour spent with our sisters and brothers.

Tuesday, November seventeenth, Grand Chapter was called at ten o'clock. The morning session was taken up with the reports of different committees and routine business. Noon came all too quickly and we called off for dinner to meet again at two p. m. Soon after re-assembling, the time came for the election of our Grand Officers with the following result:

Mrs. Montange, Grand Matron, Pittston.

Mr. Saunders, Grand Patron, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary A. Strachen, Associate Grand Matron, Susquehanna.

Mr. Charles Scheumacher, Associate Grand Patron, Pittston.

Mrs. Belle Luckenback, Grand Conductress, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Olliver, Associate Grand Conductress, Pittston.

Mrs. Alice Eaton, Grand Treasurer, Scranton.

Mr. G. W. Gleason, Grand Secretary, Susquehanna.

Immediately after election we were installed and conducted to our several places, and the Third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania closed; but not so the hospitality of Wyoming Chapter, for an informal reception was tendered us in the evening at the hall, where we had held our meeting, and at ten o'clock we returned to our hotel where they had provided an elegant banquet in our honor; afterwards speech making, singing and other amusements were kept up until the wee sma' hours, when we retired quite weary, but very happy to think we were allowed the privilege of meeting with the dear friends who had done so much for our comfort and happiness.

Wednesday morning we did not "arise with the birds" but on coming in the parlors another surprise awaited us; the committee had arranged to take us to the fatal shaft where fifty-eight poor men lie buried in the mine; after that they drove us to the Wyom-

ing Monument and Queen Father Rock, places we had always wanted to see. Such a committee as Wyoming Chapter had appointed to look after our welfare cannot be beaten, for they were untiring in their efforts to care for us. We returned about one o'clock and found a lovely dinner awaiting us, and as we were very hungry after our drive we did it ample justice. Well, we now turned our thoughts homeward, but, lo! still another surprise! Martha Washington Chapter, Scranton, had invited us to stop there as we returned, as they were going to hold an informal reception for the out going officers and the new ones. Of course we stopped there and a lovely time we had with those whom it was our pleasure to meet, and I am inclined to think that the Third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, will never be forgotten by those who were there; but as the hour is growing late, I will close with best wishes for the prosperity of our beloved Order.

Yours fraternally,

M. A. S.

HONOR THE DEAR OLD MOTHER.

Time has scattered the snowy flakes on her brow, plowed deep furrows on her cheek—but is she not sweet and beautiful now? The lips which have kissed many a hot tear from the childish cheek are the sweetest lips in all the world.

The eye is dim, yet it glows with the rapt radiance of a holy love which can never fade.

Oh, yes, she is a dear old mother.

Her sands of time are nearly run out, but feeble as she is they will go further and reach down lower for you than any other on earth.

You cannot walk into midnight where she cannot see you; you cannot enter a prison whose bars shall keep her out; you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach that she may kiss and bless you.

In evidence of her deathless love, when the world shall despise and forsake you—when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you up in her feeble arms, carry you home and tell you of all your virtues until you almost forget that your soul is disfigured by vices.

Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.—Masonic Journal.

Reverence the highest, have patience with the lowest. Are the stars too distant, pick up the pebbles at thy feet.—Margaret Fuller.

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to a human soul. The philosopher, the saint and the hero, the wise, the good and the great man, very often lie hid and concealed in a plebeian, which a proper education might have disinterred and brought to light.—Addison.

THE CHILDREN'S SLEEP.

A physician in an address before a woman's club on the care of children's health, recently said that it is criminal to attempt to save a little money by not giving every child in the family a bed to himself. The physician also emphasized the need of early sleep. "It is so easy," he said, "to let a nervous child lose sleep in the early evening, when he or she should be hard at it. When a physician prescribes some important remedy that must be taken and which is not pleasant, a mother feels that it is time well expended to coax and wheedle, and even bribe the little one to swallow it. Spend just as much thought and effort in getting your child to sleep every night, if he does not fall off his chair at the evening meal from drowsiness, as the normal child should. Give up concerts, theaters, parties, anything till you have secured for the nervous, twitching boy or girl the benign habit of sleep. Coax him to his room, give him a quick sponge bath, tuck him in his single bed, with a light wool blanket over him besides the sheet, and in a lowered light sit by him and talk to him till he is quieted. Tell him gentle, soothing stories, nothing to excite his imagination, and when he is finally asleep, have the room cool, dark and quiet. Don't let him try to sleep in a room which has been a sitting room all the evening, without having it thoroughly refilled with fresh outdoor air, which may be accomplished by throwing windows wide open for fifteen minutes."—Womankind.

FOR THE EASTERN STAR.

OUR NOMENCLATURE.

The few words that I write upon this subject are presented with the best of intentions, and I trust that the references made will not cause any offense.

I believe, first, that we should all remember that the Order of the Eastern Star is not Masonry and is not a part of that ancient and honorable institution. There is no objection to the term "Adoptive Rite", but do not understand by that that the great body of Masons ever adopted the Star. So far as I have been able to learn, the term "Adoptive Rite" is as old as the Order itself. In a ritual published by order of the M. E. G. Luminary, in Louisville, Ky., in 1856, and in another, published by order of the Supreme Constellation of the American Adoptive Rite, in New York, in 1857, the term appears.

There is a great difference between the terms "Adoptive Rite" and "Adoptive Masonry." The first means one of the most beautiful systems ever offered to the world; while the second does not mean anything.

I notice in the December number of THE EASTERN STAR, page 103, a complimentary note, and one well-deserved, to this paper, which reads: "It is devoted exclusively to Eastern Star Masonry," etc. In all kindness, let me say that there never has been and is

not now, such an institution as "Eastern Star Masonry," and certainly a paper could not be devoted exclusively to something which does not exist. The idea that I desire to call attention to, is, that the Order of the Eastern Star is a separate and distinct institution, having nothing whatever to do with Masonry, so far as names or titles go, any more than does the Mystic Shrine. Imagine for a moment how ridiculous the term "Mystic Shrine Masonry" would sound to the ear of a well-informed brother!

Then, again, to refer to our Order as a part of Masonry is offensive to many members of the craft, and would naturally have a tendency to repel rather than attract them.

Then, too, our society is an "Order," while craft Masonry is a "Fraternity." The Orders in Masonry are in the Commandery, or Orders of Christian Knighthood. But this branch of what is commonly called the American system of Freemasonry is of comparatively modern birth, and is not, strictly speaking, a part of craft Masonry. I believe it is true that men who were not Masons have received the Orders of Christian Knighthood.

F. W. P.

IN MEMORIAM.

The following official communication receives a place in our columns, though rather late:

December 21, 1896.

Hall of Electa Chapter, O. E. S., Girard, Kan.:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, to remove by the hand of death the husband of our Grand Matron, Sister Ellen A. Kenner, and,

WHEREAS, Our beloved sister has been deprived of her life companion, her children of one of their principal supports and advisors to lives of usefulness and the home clouded with a sorrow that time alone can soften, but not remove, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, as a Chapter, extend to our bereaved sister, our most heartfelt sympathy in her affliction.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent our sister and they be placed in the Secretary's book as a part of this evening's proceedings.

DR. GEO. E. COLE, W. P.,
MRS. MAY E. RAMSEY, Treasurer, } Com.
MISS ALICE B. DUBBIN, W. M., }

Our Lawrenceburg friends have again been called upon to part with one of their number, a charter member and one whose interest in the Chapter work far exceeded her strength. Our sympathy goes out to them in their bereavement.

To the Officers and Members of Guiding Star Chapter No. 92, O. E. S., Lawrenceburg, Ind.

We, your committee on resolutions on the death of Sister Julia Hayward, would respectfully submit the following:

We bow with humble submission to the will of Almighty God, who in his infinite wisdom has been pleased to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Julia Hayward, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That in the death of Sister Hayward, Guiding Star Chapter has lost a faithful and efficient member, and the family a beloved wife and mother, whose loss we truly mourn.

RESOLVED, That the sympathies of the Chapter are tendered the bereaved family in their sad affliction. That our Charter and badges be draped in mourning thirty days. That these resolutions be entered in the minutes of our Order; a copy be presented to the family of our deceased sister; also a copy be sent to THE EASTERN STAR for publication.

BETTIE ADLER,
JENNIE W. FOSTER, } Com.
PETER BECKER. }

The friends in Sheffield, Iowa, are again under the shadow of bereavement, and we join with them in the following:

"Sheffield Chapter has again been called upon to mourn with those who mourn, and weep with those who weep. Death has again entered our mystic circle. On August twenty-fourth, 1896, our brother, Joseph Perrin, heard the summons from the Most High, and answered the question,

"Believeth thou this?"

"A link has been severed from our chain to be added to the golden chain above, where the Supreme Ruler of the universe presides. It remains for us to bow in humble submission and be prepared for the divine call, having for our inspiration the Star of Bethlehem. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we emulate the patience and fortitude shown by our brother through his months of suffering.

RESOLVED, That we, as a Chapter, extend to the bereaved family and friends our sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the charter be draped for ninety days. That a page be set apart in the records of this Chapter for the memorial. That these resolutions be published in the Press, and in THE EASTERN STAR, and a copy be sent to the family."

CHAS. CURRY,
FLORENCE PIERCE, } Com.
A. A. ALLEN, }

The following official notice of the death of Sister K. Woolway, St. Paul, Minn., September sixteenth, has just been received. We sympathize with these friends in the loss they have sustained:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Most Worshipful Grand Patron to call our beloved sister, Katherine Woolway, to a seat in His Grand Chapter on high; and

WHEREAS, Sister Woolway was ever an earnest and conscientious worker in Constellation Chapter and its interests, it seems fitting at this time that Constellation Chapter should express not only its sorrow at having to part with one who was such a benefit and a cheer to the Order, but also its sincere appreciation of the good work done by our departed sister in the past. During the last year, practically, of her life our sister was not able to be with us, to participate in the privileges of our Order, but spent the weary time upon a bed of pain—such pain that death came finally as a blessed relief from suffering; yet ever her heart was with us, drawing her here in the spirit, if not in the body, and while her faculties remained to her, she bore her affliction cheerfully. With Martha's trustful faith in immortality she passed on, mourned by all who knew her; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the officers and members of Constellation Chapter, No. 18, O. E. S., that the insignia, wands and emblems of this Chapter be suitably draped for the period of thirty days, in memory of our sister; that this Chapter tender Brother Woolway, by a rising vote, its sincere sympathy, and that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this Chapter, and a copy be sent to Brother Woolway as a testimonial of the Chapter's sorrow:

Fraternal submitted,

MARILLA LEE,

MARTHA A. GORDON,

JENNIE DAMPIER.

Another link has fallen from the golden chain of our Order of the Eastern Star. One who was among the charter members of Dallas Chapter has crossed over to the beautiful shores of the summer land! January sixth, the call to "come up higher" was sent to Mrs. A. A. Johnston, and the free spirit obeyed the call. Months of weariness and suffering had changed her from the sunny, cheerful woman ever ready to bear more than her share of work for church, for the poor, for every one who called upon her for aid, and no one was ever refused. A "Mother in Israel" was she; a devoted, consistent Christian, the daughter of an elder in the Christian Church—the pioneer Elder of Texas—Sister Johnston worked and planned for her beloved church, to free it from debt; to aid it in every way, was her earnest desire. During the past five years she has taught classes of Chinese and encouraged them to come to church and to the school, to learn to read and write English and these poor people regarded her as an angel of goodness. For several years she was president of the Helping Hand Circle of the King's Daughters and when her time was so limited, she resigned that position, the Circle disbanded, preferring to work along individually rather than place any one else in the chair so long occupied by Sister Johnston. Failing health and her many duties caused our sister to resign and take her dimitt from Dallas Chapter and now she has gone to meet the reward of her noble life—a life spent in good deeds for others. Dr. A. A. Johnston, Deputy Grand Commander of Texas, the husband of our sister, is one of the oldest and most respected members of the medical profession in our city. Wife and child have preceded our brother to the "better land," his home is left desolate; and the deepest sympathy of the whole community goes out to him in this hour of sadness and sorrow, for the beloved wife who was a helpmeet indeed.

M. A. M.

GRAND CHAPTER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1897.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—The first annual session of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was held in Scottish Rite Cathedral, January ninth.

At six p. m. the Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and opened in ample form. All the Grand Of-

ficers were in their places. A large amount of routine business was executed with promptness, all decisions and dispensations of the Worthy Grand Matron were concurred in and it was a profitable and harmonious session. A special meeting had been called two weeks previous for the purpose of considering the advisability of granting a Charter to a new Chapter, and also to consider the recognition of Independent Grand Chapters. The result of this meeting was to grant a Charter to Bethlehem Chapter, No. 7, to meet at Masonic Hall in the northeast section of the city, this territory being hitherto unoccupied by the Order. Also that recognition of the Grand Chapter of New York be denied, and that action be deferred in regard to the other Independent Grand Chapters until after the General Grand Chapters meet.

We feel we have our Grand Chapter well established here and hope our successors will be able to do much more than we have done. Our members have begun to realize that the time has come for our Order to attempt some good work. They are ready to formulate some plan and carry it into successful operation, preparatory to building a Masonic or Eastern Star Home, or at present to make a beginning by renting and supporting a place of refuge for destitute members or orphans. With this benevolent object in view, we feel this is a good step in the right direction and one that will make us known and honored among other institutions as having a foundation laid upon enduring principles. This good object, along with our heretofore only social purpose, will, I am certain, insure us even still greater prosperity than we have before enjoyed. This ends a very pleasant year. The following are the newly elected officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. M. Ella Espey, Grand Matron.

C. L. Okie, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Carolyn A. Handy, Associate Grand Matron.

W. E. Nalley, Associate Grand Patron.

Chas. L. Patten, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. K. M. L. Gude, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. W. R. Nicholson, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Carrie B. Allen, Associate Grand Conductress.

The hour being late the meeting was called off until Saturday night, January sixteenth, when the Grand Officers were installed by the retiring Grand Matron, Alcega Lamond, assisted by the retiring Grand Marshall, Carrie B. Allen. A cordial invitation having been extended to members of the Order to be present, we had a full house; harmony and good will prevailing. Before closing, the present Matrons and Patrons of the Constituent Chapters were called on and each responded with very beautiful and appropriate words, and we feel the new year is started under auspicious circumstances. A. L.

Fame comes only when deserved and then it is as inevitable as fate. Longfellow.

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workers and could ill be spared. Jan. 5, Sister Myers installed the officers. Nearly every member was present. She had prepared a surprise for the sisters by sending to the greenhouse for cut flowers to decorate the room. The work was rendered without a mistake. After some short speeches by the new officers and others, Sister Martha Biggs went forward and with tender, loving words of appreciation for the work of Sister Myers the past two years, presented her, in the name of Columbia Chapter, with an elegant emblem pin. This was "tit for tat" as it was a complete surprise. The new officers are: B. Jane Russell, W. M.; E. K. Russell, W. P.; Alice Crossen, A. M.; Emelie Sanders, C.; Martha Biggs, A. C.; Lena Snell, Sec.; Sallie Clark, Treas. An elegant banquet closed the evening.

The annual election of officers of Chadwick Chapter, Salem, was held the first meeting in Dec. and resulted as follows: Josie E. LaFore, W. M.; Geo. H. Burnett, W. P.; Macie Riger, A. M.; Ida M. Babcock, Sec.; Isabel Farrar, Treas.; Calista Moore, C.; Helen P. Gatch, A. C. At the next meeting two new members were added, this being the farewell work of the old officers. An invitation was received from Multnomah R. A. Chapter to install jointly, which was heartily accepted; Dec. 22, being set for the time. Sister Forstner, the retiring matron brings youthful zeal to her work and believes that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, and our beautiful work was never more impressively given than by her. As the Royal Arch officers mingled with the throng, it was a beautiful and pleasant sight. An elegant lunch was spread in the banquet hall by a caterer, which was heartily relished by all, and everyone went home loud in praises of the Chapters whose hospitality they had enjoyed.

The installation of the officers of Ruth Chapter, Heppner, took place Jan. 8. The new officers are Mrs. Lizzie Kirk, W. M.; Frank Gillam, W. P.; Mrs. Lillie Lonser, A. M.; Miss Lizzie Matlock, Sec.; Mrs. Anna Borg, Treas.; Mrs. Effie Gillam, C.; Miss H. Myers, A. C. After Chapter closed a banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, was given. Brother Borg, P. P., made some very encouraging remarks and the rest of the evening was spent in general sociability. This is one of our newer links in the great chain, but its members are in earnest and are a power in the place.

Integrity Chapter, Lafayette, has been "passing through deep waters" though they are still alive and determined to "hold the fort." Sister Ella Gates has been very ill for several weeks as have also Sisters Bird and Carey. With a scattered membership and so much sickness, it was difficult to do much, but they held their election, which resulted as follows: Etta Carey, W. M.; R. P. Bird, W. P.; Belle Belcher, A. M.; Mary M. Mattev, Sec.; W. R. Draby, Treas.; Delilah Olds, C.; Mary Harny, A. C. The brother Masons had extended an invitation to have a joint installation, which was accepted and carried out Dec. 26. The "Stars" had provided a nice lunch and here the brothers shone resplendent, doing ample justice to the good things provided. That we may one and all "have the needed grace to do our work well" is my earnest desire. J. G. MUCKLE.

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itor in every Chapter, and many homes should
also enjoy its monthly calls. Now is the time
to subscribe. Do not postpone.

THE EASTERN STAR desires to receive items
from every Chapter and hopes that the Wor-
thy Matron will appoint some member to
send the news regularly.

Sister Eliza J. Moffet, Grand Treasurer of
Indiana, who has been quite sick, is again
able to be up and her many friends hope for
her continued and complete recovery.

Every officer of a Chapter has a standing
engagement for the year on the nights of the

regular meeting, and if an invitation comes for
that evening is in duty bound to plead a
previous engagement.

In the third paragraph of the article "Rare
Books" in the January number, the date 1896
should read 1793. The proof-reader assumes
responsibility for the mistake and is willing
to be forgiven by author and readers.

An invitation to attend the installation of
the officers of Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago,
Ill., was received and we were sorry not to be
able to go, for Queen Esther never does
things by halves and the occasion we are
sure was very enjoyable.

How often when despair has almost won us
to himself has the friendly word or the kindly
act, just in season, given new hope and fresh
zeal, and upheld with courage to go on in
life's warfare accepting the duties and en-
deavoring to discharge them.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin will hold
its seventh annual meeting in Milwaukee be-
ginning Wednesday afternoon February 17.
We trust it may be possible to respond to
the kind invitation to be present, in person,
and shall bend our efforts in that direction.

Brother Henry G. Thayer, Past Grand Pa-
tron of Indiana, made the office of THE EAST-
ERN STAR a pleasant call recently. He is
Elector-at-large on the Republican ticket and
was chosen to bear the news to Washington.
He is also a member of the building commit-
tee of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

The Republic of the United States is a new
sixteen page weekly published in Washing-
ton, D. C. Its motto "We make no fight,
other than for our institutions," indicates the
purpose of its being. It has a "woman's cor-
ner" where articles from women, notes from
their clubs and societies, and general news
items are edited by Mrs. Mary M. North, one
of our Eastern Star sisters. It deserves to
succeed and we bid its editors Godspeed.

Every member of the Order should sub-
scribe for some Eastern Star paper. It is not
enough that the husband takes the Masonic
paper—that is all well and good, he should
take it, but so also should there be in every
Eastern Star home a paper that is published
in its interests. With the new year turn over
a new leaf and inscribe on it the name of a
paper that will bring you in touch with the
Order at large. That paper is THE EASTERN
STAR—subscribe for it.

Apt to the time, the February number of
McClure's Magazine will continue the series
of "Life Portraits of Great Americans" with
thirty life portraits of Washington: about all
the original portraits of Washington now in

existence, and several of them practically un-
known. An introduction and notes by Mr.
Charles Henry Hart will give the history of
the portraits, and Professor W. P. Trent, of
the University of the South, will supply a
brief review and study of Washington's life.

It is decided by the city council that head-
gear of any and all descriptions shall be dis-
carded by women when attending public
places of amusement. Thus say the city
fathers and of course their wisdom is not to be
questioned. Now it is quite in order for the
women in this motherless city to request that
their comfort in public places of amusement
be considered that men be forbidden from
retiring between acts and putting women to
the discomfort of letting them pass back and
forth; also that they be required to leave their
tobacco outside and thus avoid the necessity
of wading through a sea of tobacco juice.

We add this month a supplement to THE
EASTERN STAR. The sisters responded so
generously to the request for items that there
was an overflow and as the items came too
late to find place in the paper, as it was just
being made up for press, we add to the paper
rather than leave them over until the next
issue. Sisters please bear in mind that after
the news comes it must be made ready for
the paper and the paper mailed all before
the last day of the month. News should
reach us earlier in the month to insure in-
sertion. Many thanks to those, both sisters
and brothers, who have sent us articles and
items for the Gleanings.

"President George Washington wrote that
Masonry is 'a society whose liberal principles
are founded in the immutable laws of truth
and justice,' and 'that the grand object of
Masonry is to promote the happiness of the
human race.' Masonry is today what it was
when the immortal George wrote those
words." So says the Illinois Freemason. In
the depth of our hearts we have no doubt as
to the truth of these statements, but we often
find ourselves in the position "the great un-
washed" hold toward the churches, when
we meet those wearing Masonic emblems and
bearing the name of Mason—whose acts seem
in no way regulated by the teachings or
principles of the Fraternity. "By their
works ye shall know them."

We quite approve the feeling exhibited by
the children of Harriet Beecher Stowe, re-
garding the erection of a public statue of their
mother. Let us have the "Harriet Beecher
Stowe scholarship at Hampton, Fisk or
Tuskegee" by all means—rather than a cold
bronze statue, where only a few at most,
could ever see it! Let us have the paths to
the Temple of Knowledge made easier for the
feet of the descendants of those whose bonds
and shackles she was instrumental in remov-
ing! Let us not inflict upon the author of

GLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Garland Chapter, Camden, held an excellent meeting Dec. 26. A Christmas dinner was served which was enjoyed by all, and this evening's pleasure will be long remembered by those present.

Faith Chapter, organized by J. S. Walker, D. D. G. P. at Gavel Lodge, in Aug. 1896, is in flourishing condition, having initiated three or four candidates at every meeting and have several to be initiated next meeting. Love, peace and harmony prevail throughout the Chapter.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Edna Chapter, Auburn, asks for a small corner in your columns. It is in excellent condition although small. We do not boast of our jewels, but we do boast of our pure, true, earnest, unselfish members, who prove by their lives that they have seen the "Star in the East." Mrs. Jennie Wilson is our W. M. and is earnestly devoted. Our Chapter is young and has an increasing membership. E. N.

Olive Chapter, Jonesboro, held a public installation Jan. 11, at Odd Fellows hall. A number of invited guests besides the members were present and all enjoyed the occasion. Mrs. J. A. Dixon, P. M., as installing officer performed the ritualistic ceremony in a beautiful and impressive manner. The newly elected officers are: Mrs. Eva Jones, W. M.; J. O. Kennard, W. P.; Miss Gertrude David, A. M.; Mrs. Minnie Parsons, Sec.; Mrs. Hattie Kennard, Treas.; Miss Delia Nisbett, C.; Miss Alice Nisbett, A. C. Later the lodge doors were thrown open and the invited guests first and members next were ushered into the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was spread. Mr. H. H. Houghton delivered the address of welcome to the visitors—among whom were twelve from Black Rock—and Mrs. J. A. Dixon addressed the members with a few well chosen remarks. A splendid program of music and recitations was part of the evening's entertainment.

CALIFORNIA.

The Eastern Star is shining brightly in Santa Ana. May the oil of peace and harmony so essential to perfection continue to flow as freely. Dec. 8, the new officers of Hermosa Chapter were installed by Sister Elizabeth McKelvey, P. M., who rendered the entire ceremony in an impressive and most beautiful manner. Sister Lou Dryer acted as Mars, and added much to the beauty of the work, for which commendations of praise were heard on all sides. The G. M. appointed Sister McKelvey, D. G. M. for the southern district of Cal. a very wise and fitting appointment. Much good will be reaped from her earnest work this year. B.

COLORADO.

The officers of Glen Eyrie Chapter, Colo-

rado City, were installed at their regular session Jan. 14, to which Masons and their families were invited. At this time they made their first appearance in their new robes, the only ones in the Colorado Chapters. Sister Potter, P. G. M., of Colorado, was installing officer assisted by Sister Humphrey, G. Mars. The ceremonies were very impressive and many compliments were received. The presence of Brother Greenfield, G. P. was a pleasant surprise. A large number, including Sister Cohen, G. Sec., came from Ramona Chapter, Colorado Springs; several members of Ruxton Chapter, Manitou, and two from Radiant Chapter, Denver, were present. Light refreshments were served and all departed well pleased.

ILLINOIS.

Celestial City Chapter, Pekin, gave their first social to their intimate friends at the home of Sister Mary Munson. Cards served for amusement, a dainty repast was served and all enjoyed a delightful evening.

Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, held public installation ceremonies in Masonic Temple, Jan. 2, to which special invitations were issued. Mrs. Mate L. Chester, P. G. M., was the installing officer assisted by Mrs. Agnes M. Brown, P. M., as Mars. Music was furnished by the Lexington Quartette. The elected officers are: Mrs. Jennie S. Bishop, W. M.; Capt. Chas. H. Hubbard, W. P.; Mrs. Amalia Huehl, A. M.; Miss Jennie C. McClellan, Sec.; Mrs. Margaret Vierling, Treas.; Mrs. Ella R. Coles, Con.; Mrs. Blanche E. Wood, A. C. The retiring W. M. was presented with a handsome jewel with a diamond in the center; and the W. P. received a lovely K. T. charm and Eastern Star combined. The new officers were requested to take a dummy and go through the work, which they did without making any mistakes.

Grace Whipple Chapter, Quincy, installed their officers Jan. 7. The newly elected officers are: Mrs. Inghram, W. M.; Mr. Hollister, W. P.; Mrs. Whipple, A. M.; Mrs. Thomas, Sec.; Mrs. Pool, Treas.; Mrs. Justice, Con.; Mrs. Johnson, A. C. Mrs. McAfee, W. M., of Alpha Chapter, conducted the ceremonies, assisted by Mrs. Wayland, of Grace Whipple Chapter, as Mars. Too much cannot be said in praise of them for the beautiful manner in which they did the work intrusted to their care; and we wonder no longer why Alpha Chapter has for the fourth year called Sister McAfee to be W. M. When our W. M., Mrs. Mary K. Inghram, received the gavel for the second year she responded in a few well chosen words, thanking all for the honor they had given her, also thanking the officers for their able assistance during the past year, and expressed a hope that we will all do better the present year. She then announced that some one wished to see us upstairs and requested that the installing officer and Mars lead the march. On reaching the banquet hall we found a delicious oyster supper awaiting us, to which all did justice;

one of our waiters did not serve all alike, he thought our patrons deserved more than the rest and served Mr. Harrison, P. P., and Mr. E. E. Hollister, W. P., to oyster sandwiches. The ladies have nothing but praise for the manner in which the committee served refreshments. I hope the officers and members will work in harmony, as they have in the past, with the welfare of the order first in their minds and that they will strive to place Grace Whipple Chapter among the first in the state of Illinois. It is only by united action and prompt attendance that this can be done; the officers alone can not bring success, but with the officers proficient in their work and the members interested enough to attend and assist, prosperity will eventually come to our Chapter.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

INDIANA.

Elwood Chapter reports a bright and prosperous year just past and trusts the coming year will be even better.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, is doing nicely and gaining in membership right along. They gave a very enjoyable banquet in their hall Dec. 12, in honor of two members, Bro. and Sister Krauss, who go to New York to reside.

Lois Chapter, Greensburg, held its installation Feb. 8, and was made a very pleasant occasion. The installing officer was Nettie Ransford, P. G. M. After the installation the W. M. read an original poem bringing in the names of the members.

Laurel Chapter, Roann, held a very enjoyable meeting Nov. 17, when one brother was initiated. Refreshments were served and literary exercises rendered. An original poem by Mrs. Grace Oswald, gave a great deal of pleasure and is printed in this issue for others to enjoy.

Newberry Chapter elected officers Dec. 19, as follows: Mrs. Mattie Cushman, W. M.; H. C. Owen, W. P.; Mrs. Mary L. Owen, A. M.; Mrs. Mattie F. Owen, Sec.; Mrs. Sadie M. Johnson, Treas. Held joint installation with the Blue Lodge Jan. 2, followed by a banquet. At the first stated meeting in Jan. received one petition.

Radiant Chapter, Noblesville, held its first regular installation jointly with the Lodge F. and A. M. and it was a public installation. The installing officer was Nettie Ransford, P. G. M. It is one of the youngest chartered Chapters, but its members are much interested in the work and give promise of good work.

South Bend Chapter recently conferred the degrees, by consent of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, upon Mr. Wellcome, P. M. of Fidelity Lodge, No. 3; also P. M. of Columbia Lodge, the American Lodge in London, England. He is a brother of Rev. George Wellcome of our city, who is a member of the O. E. S. The Chapter feels it an honor to have conferred the degrees on so distinguished a Mason. We had a very enthusiastic meeting and the new officers did the work well.

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GLEANINGS.

INDIANA.

Shiloh Chapter, Ft. Wayne, elected the following officers Dec. 14: Susan Clark, W. M.; J. H. Brokaw, W. P.; Ada Gates, A. M.; Mrs. Hall, Treas.; Mattie Wolfert, Sec.; Emma Griffith, Con.; Sarah Zeigler, A. C. Installation was held Jan. 14, Kendallville and Monroeville Chapters being present on this occasion. Two candidates were initiated and the officers displayed great ability and thoroughness in their work. After Chapter closed, about one hundred repaired to the banquet hall for refreshments. Dancing for one hour closed the festivities of the evening. L. Z.

A joint and public installation was held by Waldron Chapter and the Masonic Lodge Jan. 2. The elected officers of Waldron Chapter are: Mrs. Sarah J. Grubb, W. M.; Mr. Ira Chapman, W. P.; Mrs. Margaret Greene, A. M.; Miss Sarah Short, Sec.; Miss Caroline Powell, Treas.; Mrs. Mollie Burns, Con.; Mrs. Edna Lewis, A. C. The ceremonies were performed by our P. W. P. Then Masonic officers were installed, after which oysters, cake and coffee were served. Just before adjournment the W. M. arose and gracefully thanked the members for the honor conferred upon her. It was a very pleasant occasion.

Terre Haute Chapter has been growing somewhat less in numbers lately, but hopes for better things this year. One of their new officers was married after her election and was not present until the 19th for installation. There were two initiations at the first meeting in Jan. and more petitions are pending. Their meetings are well attended and interest seems unabated. They have delightful club meetings also; the last one was held at the home of the President, Sister Marion McNab; the attendance was large and important business was transacted, after which dainty refreshments were served and readings, recitations and music followed. S. E. A.

Naomi Chapter, Indianapolis, elected their officers for the ensuing year Dec. 25, and installed them Jan. 8. They are as follows: Mrs. Wilhelmina Brattain, W. M.; Martin H. Rice, W. P.; Mrs. Anna K. Stafford, A. M.; Mrs. Lida E. Myers, Con.; Mrs. Lizzie McClintock, A. C.; Mrs. Hattie Peake, Treas.; Aurelius Smith, Sec. Mrs. Ella Haller, P. M., served as installing officer, and Mrs. Lizzie J. Smythe, P. M., as Mars. Three petitions were presented, there was a good attendance, light refreshments were served and a pleas-

ant time enjoyed. At the last regular meeting Jan. 22, the new officers did their work well; not a ritual in sight, and three petitioners were elected to receive the degrees. The usual social time was pleasantly passed.

MARYLAND.

Owing to the large attendance at its meetings, Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, has secured new apartments with ample room where it can accommodate its visitors and display the work with better effect. The next meeting will be held in the new quarters. The beautiful signet, painted by the gifted artist, Miss Catherine Grote, a post graduate of "Maryland Institute for the Promotion of the Arts," unveiled a short time ago, resting on an easel, is an attractive ornament in the Chapter room, and calls forth many words of praise for the eminent artist from our visitors.

MONTANA.

The installation of the officers of Yellowstone Chapter, Glendive, was held Dec. 29. Elizabeth Batchelor, P. M., conducted the ceremonies with Emma Krug as Mars. Mrs. Maggie Taylor is W. M.; John M. Rapeljs, W. P.; Allie Sorensan, A. M.; Hattie Mickels, Sec.; Annie McKenzie, Treas.; Lydia Berry, Con.; Henrietta Bean, A. C. Appropriate remarks were made by the W. P.; an address "The Origin of Freemasonry" was given by the W. M.; the retiring W. M. returned thanks to the members for their kindly assistance in her labors of the past year, and then refreshments were served by the incoming officers, and enjoyed by all. Peace and harmony reign in the Chapter. May the coming year be all that one can wish. M. T.

Miriam Chapter, Helena, held its installation Jan. 12. Over one hundred, including legislators, O. E. S. in other parts of Montana, were present to greet the G. M., Mrs. Ada M. Aiken, of Butte. The business of the evening was conducted in an able manner by Mrs. Amelia Hindson, W. M., who retires after two years of faithful service and later the G. M. presided very impressively over the installation ceremonies. She is one of the pioneer workers of the order in Montana, and can claim the distinction of having grown up with the country from girlhood, having come by wagon train with her father, Capt. Rogers, who was chosen as train-master of the overland journey and who settled in Virginia City early in the sixties. She was attentively listened to as she gave each officer his or her special charge as to the duties incumbent upon them. The W. M. presented her with a fine bunch of American beauty roses, tied with

ribbons, as a souvenir of the occasion. She responded with an excellent and interesting address, and later at the banquet table responded to the toast "The Grand Matron, Her Duty and Her Privileges." Mrs. Edna L. Hedges delivered the address of welcome, and spoke particularly of the pioneer establishment, connections and personnel of Miriam Chapter, as it was in 1880, the date of its organization, and its relation to the present work and times. The retiring W. P., H. S. Hepner, as toast master, introduced every subject and speaker with classic and appropriate illusions. There were no formal moments, but the occasion was one of "unquestioned welcome and undoubted pleasure." Recitations and music were likewise furnished and it was late when the assembly broke up. The Grand Matron was the recipient of many especial attentions during her stay of several days with the members of Miriam Chapter. E. L. H.

MINNESOTA.

Vesta Chapter and Fair Haven Lodge, F. F. and A. M. Annandale, held joint installation Jan. 6. The Blue Lodge officers were installed by Bro. Carl E. Kimball, and the O. E. S. officers by Sister Abbie F. Rennie, P. M. An elegant banquet closed the pleasures of the evening. Sister F. Lee is W. M., Bro. W. S. Huntington, W. P., Sister H. K. Kelley, A. M.; and Mrs. Laura McDonald, Sec. A special meeting of this Chapter was recently held at which time one candidate received the degrees. The Chapter is reported as being in the most prosperous condition in its history. L. L. J.

Between 500 and 600 people attended the open installation of officers of Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, at Masonic temple, Dec. 16. The hall had been decorated by A. P. Swannstrom. Dr. Wright of St. Paul's church, christened the following children: Margaret Porter and Jennie May, children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott. Ruth Gertrude and Walter John, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Kluzak; Gertrude Helen and Robert Henry, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woelffer; and Helen Constance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Parsons. The installation was performed by Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, P. G. M., Minneapolis, and Mrs. Gertrude Grewe, P. G. M. of Constellation Chapter, was the G. Mars. The elected officers are: Jennie Paradis W. M.; John Knoud, W. P.; Gertrude Imeson, A. M.; Martha Gordon, Sec.; Addie Upright, Treas.; Netta McWhorter, Con.; Emma Nelson, A. C. The Aeolian quartet, consisting of Mesdames Zumbach,

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MRS. ALCENA LAMOND.

Worthy Grand Matron of the District of Columbia, 1896.

Mrs. Alcena Lamond was born January sixth, 1852, on a large farm near Lisbon, the county seat of Columbiana County, Ohio. There, surrounded by peaceful rural scenes, her happy childhood and girl life was passed, and the foundation laid on which was built the higher education of later years. In 1872, she was married to Angus Lamond, a native of Scotland. He was made a Mason in that country the thirtieth of April, 1866; affiliated in Wellsville, Ohio, in 1867; affiliated in Stansbury Lodge, D. C., 1876; since which time he has occupied prominent places in the Order, being Past Master of his Lodge, and Past High Priest in his Royal Arch Chapter and a member of De Molay Mounted Commandery; also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction and a member of the Masonic Veteran Association; a charter member of Ruth Chapter, O. E. S. In 1876, the family moved to the District of Columbia, Mr. Lamond engaging in the manufacture of sewer pipe, settling on what was then the outskirts but is now the flourishing hamlet of Lamonds, D. C.

They are surrounded by an interesting family of five sons and one daughter, the eldest son being a member of Stansbury Lodge and also of Brightwood Royal Arch Chapter. Sister Lamond has been an enthusiastic worker for the Eastern Star ever since its establishment in the District of Columbia in 1892. She was a charter member of Ruth Chapter, and was its first Associate Matron, afterward elected to the office of Worthy Matron. Upon the organization of the Grand Chapter in April, 1896, she was elected Worthy Grand Matron and filled the office with dignity and general acceptability to the Order. In all her official relations, Sister Lamond has had the confidence and re-

spect of her colleagues and associates, and she possesses to the fullest extent the esteem and love of the entire Order in the Jurisdiction.

As a friend she is ever steadfast and true, always ready to lend a helping hand or give words of loving sympathy to any one in trouble and always true to every interest in which she is engaged. She is a devoted Christian and a valued member of Rock Creek Episcopal Church, one of the oldest of that denomination in America, having been built in the year 1719.



MRS. ALCENA LAMOND.

THE WEB OF LIFE.

The web of our life is laid in the loom of time to a pattern that we do not know, but God knows and our heart is the shuttle. This being alternately struck by joy or sorrow carries back the thread that is light and dark, as the pattern needs, and in the end when the garment is held up and all its changing hues glance forth it will be seen that the deep and dark hues were as necessary to beauty as the bright and high ones, and the mystery of life will be unraveled.—Rev. J. K. Montgomery.

BUYING BACK THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

[Marie Elbright in Saturday Review.]

Jonathan Lucas sat by the city window, where the air lifted the silver hair upon his forehead, thinking longingly of the departed days when he dwelt under his own vine and fig tree, and watching the dancing sunbeams with greedy eyes.

"Ruth!" he said, in his feeble, piping voice, "Ruth, don't you think we might have a little walk in the park this afternoon? The air is so mild, and I'm so tired of these four walls."

Ruth Lucas looked up from her desk at the further end of the room.

She was a slender, pretty girl of seven or eight and twenty, with large, soft hazel eyes, brown hair and pale cheek.

"By and by, dear father," she said, gently, "when the sun gets a little lower."

Once more she eagerly resumed her writing, the pen flying swiftly over the smooth surface of the paper, as if it were winged with magic speed.

Jonathan Lucas turned to his wife, who sat opposite to him patiently sewing.

"Wife," said he, "the apple trees must be in blossom at the old farm. Don't you remember how the white leaves used to shower down on the ground like a snow-storm? The old farm—if I could but have ended my days there!" he added, with a weary sigh. "Here I'm a poor weakly old man, and nobody nurses me or cares for me in the city whirl; but there, every tree is a friend of mine, and the very wind among the branches sounds familiar in my ears."

"It's no use thinking of old times, dear," said his wife, sighing almost inaudibly.

"If I only could have been contented to let those oil speculations alone," resumed Jonathan, eagerly; "or if I could have bought them a month—only a month—earlier! But I was mad—and we are ruined! The land-

L. CABELL WILLIAMSON,

Worthy Grand Patron of District of Columbia,
1896.

L. Cabell Williamson, the Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the District of Columbia, for the year 1896, was born October twelfth, 1853, at Charlottesville, Virginia, removed to Lynchburg, Virginia, while a mere child where he remained until he was sixteen years of age when he came to Washington, District of Columbia, where he completed his education and graduated from the Law Department of the National University in May, 1874, five months prior to his reaching his twenty-first birthday, since which time he has practiced his profession in all the courts of the District of Columbia, in several of the states, and in the Supreme Court of the United States. He was the first president of the alumni association of the entire National University, and is a deacon in the Assembly Presbyterian church, and president of the Y. M. C. A. In 1880 he was made a Master Mason and after being Junior Warden of his lodge was elected Master and re-elected for three successive terms. Is a Past High Priest of Lafayette Royal Arch, Chapter No. 5. Is also a Knight Templar and member of Columbia Commandery No. 2, a thirty-second degree Mason in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction and a member of the Mystic Shrine and was Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia during the year 1893. Was delegate to the Masonic Congress held at Chicago, 1893. Is president of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. He was the first Patron of Naomi Chapter, No. 3, of this Jurisdiction, and the first Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District of Columbia. He is faithful and zealous in all his work, honored and respected by all who know him for his noble hearted, honest and upright character.



L. CABELL WILLIAMSON.

scorn servants, or back bite acquaintances.

If the nature is charitable, it will show itself in charity to all, to rich and poor alike. If the nature is uncharitable, to be a member of twenty boards, to know all about the dangers of pauperizing and the advantage of organized charity, will not make it otherwise, but will probably intensify the hardness. And because "charities" are confounded by charity, because to be connected with "charities" does, in some unaccountable manner, satisfy the conscience, which thus fails to feel its own selfishness and cruelty, is one of the reasons why "charities" do interfere with true charity. It seems often as if "charities" were the insult which the rich add to the injuries which they heap upon the poor. But people usually are not to blame for substituting "charities" for charity; at least not entirely to blame. They do not see the world as it is, because they have not been brought up to do so, and not having much imagination, they do not for themselves discover the truth, and it is nec-

men who bring the milk and vegetables to us every day, these men who dig out from dark caverns the coal that warms us, who, by their faithfulness and intelligence carry us safely on thundering railway trains, to whose watchfulness we confide our lives without a thought; these women who cook for us and wait upon us and clothe us—all these men and women without whom we could not live in comfort for one day, without whom we could not live at all for one month, we forget. We seldom think of them at all, unless we are forced to. When they undertake to seek some slight improvement in their lot, we have to think of them, but it is with something of the feeling, perhaps, which the slaveholder felt upon hearing of an insurrection of slaves. Their hardships, their suffering, their weary bones and aching heads are nothing to us, we accept all the benefits they confer on us and never even give them a thought, far less our love, our charity.

They do not usually complain or ask for sympathy, and they seldom receive any. They struggle and work, they live and die, and very few people trouble themselves about them, little realizing that instead of helping them they are often sadly hindering them and even adding to their hardships by their vain efforts to help an entirely different set of people—the people who are the "beneficiaries of charities." These are the poor idlers, the failures, the broken down men and women who could not stand the strain of the working life because of some special weakness either of body, mind or character. These people do "appeal for charity," they do "ask for help," they do enlarge upon their distress; and though, as I have said, to try to help them, though vainly, often results in increase of suffering to the great mass of men and women who work, yet "charities" still continue and still are supported by thoughtless people who pride themselves on their kind-heartedness. This harm is done in various ways. "Charities" sometimes tempt their beneficiaries to idleness and sometimes they do not. In the first case the harm done is directly to the persons so tempted, who thus lose character, independence and the means of self-support, and indirectly only to the mass of workers, who thereby have a larger number of idlers to support, while their own numbers are also diminished by desertions to the ranks of the idlers.

On the other hand, the charities which do not tempt to idleness often do not do much harm and sometimes even do good to the persons they undertake to help, while they do a great deal of injury to large bodies of workers. This harm is done by giving "relief in aid of wages," as it is technically called; that is, by giving small sums to persons who, in consequence, are enabled to work for less wages than they otherwise could live on, so that they, competing for work, underbid other

CHARITY PROBLEMS.

[Josephine Shaw Lowell in Chicago Record.]

What is the ideal of charity? It is the Samaritan, who took infinite pains to help one stranger whom he chanced upon the way, and if every one should be neighborly in this sense to anyone who falls into distress and comes naturally into his life, no one would have to go about hunting for people to help, or, in other words, there would be no need of "charities."

Charity is not an occupation; it is not even a piece of life. It is life. It pervades all relations. A man cannot be charitable and yet overwork and underpay his employees—a woman cannot be charitable and yet browbeat and

necessary to understand the facts if this error is to be avoided.

The facts are that the great mass of the population in any community is working hard to keep the community alive. They work primarily for themselves, but they work also for all the idlers, who, though they do nothing to keep themselves alive, yet are kept alive and are fed and clothed, some at but little expense per head to the workers, and others at large expense per head. Of course it is this great mass of men and women who work who ought to be the objects of charity of love, partly because they are the great mass, partly because they are the workers, partly because their lives are very hard and could be made much easier by a little charity, even by a little thought on the part of their fellowmen.

Strangely enough, however, this great mass of the people—these men who work all night in cellars to give us our daily bread, these

workers; and gradually, if their number is large enough (and unfortunately a very few comparatively can produce this effect), they bring down the wages for all the workers in their particular trade.

A simple illustration will show how this happens. Let us imagine a small town where twenty women go out to scrub, at \$1.50 a day each, for four days a week, having a hard time, of course, but managing to live. Some charitable ladies in the town, full of commiseration for four or five of these women whom they employ, think it would be kind to get up a charitable society to help them. Strangely enough, it does not occur to them that perhaps the best way to help them would be to pay them \$2 a day for scrubbing—no, that would "raise wages," which to some people seems the wickedest thing in the world—but a charitable society founded on the most approved modern lines, which will not "pauperize" these poor women, is exactly the thing; so it is organized, and each woman can get \$2 worth of sewing a week, to be paid for from the funds of the society. What will probably happen? There being some competition for the scrubbing, the women who secure the relief work offer to do scrubbing at \$1.25 a day, instead of at \$1.50; the ladies, charitable and other, are not loath to pay less than formerly, and employ those who work the cheapest; then gradually the others are told by their employers that Mrs. So-and-So works for \$1.25 and they must do the same, and so the result is that the women who scrub and also do charity sewing, instead of earning \$6 a week as formerly, earn \$7, while the rest who only scrub, earn \$5 instead of \$6. That is, instead of \$120 paid in wages each week to twenty women, the twenty women get \$110 a week, of which \$100 is wages earned for real work and \$10 is money paid for "relief work," and the good of the extra dollar a week to the five "charity" workers is but a poor offset to the loss of a dollar a week to the other fifteen women.

Nor is it likely that the harm will end here, for probably the number getting charity work will increase and the wages go still lower until they are all working at scrubbing at \$1 a day and getting \$2 worth of sewing a week, which would mean that each woman earned, as before, \$6 a week, but it would be \$4 in wages and \$2 for relief work; that is, there would be \$80 paid in wages each week for the same amount of scrubbing as formerly, and \$40 in "relief," the gain to the women being nothing, the loss being the added work of sewing, besides the loss of independence.

This is no hypothetical case; it is exactly what happened all over England from 1792 to 1834, during the years when "relief in aid of wages" was given to all workmen from the public funds until wages were brought down so low that there were no working people in England who were not also paupers.

But although "charities" are dangerous, es-

pecially the large "charities" which attract all the weak and incompetent to depend on them, charity is necessary, and also some kind of "charities". Charity must feel for the great world of working men and women, must earnestly desire their welfare, listen to their wrongs, and do its best to help them in their efforts to shorten their hours of work and increase their wages, never forgetting also that nothing will really help them which does not also help to raise their characters, to make them more honest, more industrious, more intelligent.

Charity must be extended to a man's own immediate employees, and to all who work for him, to servants, clerks, saleswomen, and demands consideration for their health, their welfare, their feelings. Educational charities are always good. Too much money and time and thought cannot be given to teaching of all kinds—knowledge to the ignorant, wisdom to the foolish, skill to the helpless, goodness to the wicked—that is, in teaching people to be and to do something. Emerson says: "He who gives me something does me a low benefit; he who teaches me to do something of myself does me a high benefit."

Finally, it is necessary to protest against a most lamentable misunderstanding of what is called "organized charity;" people suppose it to mean apparently that they are each to put a little money into a machine, and that from this machine will come out a great quantity of money, which will be wisely and kindly distributed to a great many people—they do not pause to consider how wisdom and kindness are to be developed by a machine or to reflect that these attributes can only be exercised by human beings in their relations to human beings. "Organized charity" means, in fact, only that charity—real charity, love, if it is meant to reach strangers, (those outside the natural lines of our lives,)—must be organized—that is, must be properly ordered—because if not, if it be disorganized and disorderly, it will do harm where it was meant to do good in the ways already described.

Organization does not dispense with human sympathy. It only prepares the way for it. As a system of water works in a city does not make the life-giving water unnecessary, but only offers means by which it shall reach those who need it; so a system of organized charity merely provides the means by which sympathy and the desire to do good may bring life and hope to the desolate and oppressed. It relieves the charitable of no duty. It only makes their duty more imperative, because clearer and more effective.—Trestle Board.

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—It is quite a change to quit roving all over the State, and get right down to work, but I still manage to visit a Chapter once in a while. January twenty-third, in company with Sister Partidge and several officers and members, I vis-

ited the new Chapter in San Francisco, Mission, U. D. The brethren of this city have never given the Star the support it deserves. Perhaps it is best not to enquire too closely into the reasons, but the fact remains that while there are sixteen flourishing Lodges of Masons, there have been but four Chapters and these not as prosperous as many in the smaller cities. The new Chapter has started as all Chapters should, under the auspices of the Lodge, the Master and other officers taking an active part in the organization, and as Mission Lodge is one of the first in numbers and second to none in character of work, it is hoped that Mission Chapter will set a mark way up high, and that the others will endeavor to reach the same. The endeavor to conduct a Chapter as an organization distinct from Masonry, is not especially successful. This I have found to be the case everywhere that I have visited.

The prosperity of the Chapter depends on the closeness of its relations with the Lodge more than on anything else. Where they are—as they should be—practically one, there they flourish and grow, and wield a mighty influence for good. I could give many examples of this and also of the converse, where the jealousy of the brethren, lest the sisters eat a few crumbs from the table of Masonry, causes such a feeling that neither Lodge or Chapter prospers.

January twenty-third, I had the pleasure of installing the corps of officers of Lodi Chapter, No. 150. This Chapter I organized May twenty-eighth, at the request of the officers of Lodi Lodge, No. 256, and I foresaw at the time that it would be a success. We opened the Chapter and transacted the regular business, then the sisters retired and we opened the Lodge. Next we invited the sisters in and I installed the officers of the Chapter, Sister Merritt acting as Grand Marshal, and Sister West, of Stockton, as Grand Chaplain. A beautiful baton, made by one of the sisters, was presented to the new Marshal. Then I installed the officers of the Lodge and afterward we sat down to a banquet, such as city people seldom see—a regular old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner—chicken pie and all the "fixins."

And speeches—none of your set phrases, but good talks, right from the heart—some longer, some shorter; some witty and some serious. Outside the wind blew and the rain descended, but we realized that, as one brother remarked, it was twenty dollar pieces falling on the roof, so we were all happy.

I won't tell you when we went to bed, for the Stockton Stars had to wait for an early freight train and we would not desert them.

Such a gathering will long be remembered, and Lodi Chapter will prosper while such a spirit prevails.

I hear from various sources that the Order is doing well. Oak Leaf is having a regular boom; six to eight petitions coming in on each of the last three or four meetings. The other Chapters are doing well also.

Fraternally,
JAMES B. MERRITT.

THE EASTERN STAR.

[Written by Henry Stade Goff, and read by Eugenia Wheeler Goff and read at the installation of officers of Minnehaha Chapter, Minneapolis.]

Have you heard of the Star—of the beauteous Star,
Aglow with Masonic light?
Have you seen its soft rays, making gladder our days,
And illuming the regions of night?
Have you heard of its Ruth, and its lessons of truth
As clear as the glistening sun?
Have you heard of its queen, standing fair and serene
In the light of work well done?

Have you seen it stand by in the darkening sky
Of distress, when, in writhings of pain,
Or midst wallings and woe, in death is laid low
A loved one once again?
Oh! it quelleth the tears and dispelleth the fears
Of the sorrowing hearts of the land,
And it giveth a meed to its toilers in need
With its helpful, beneficent hand.

Have you seen with what might in defense of the right
Its ponderous forces are hurled,
When a brother's good name and a sister's fair fame
Is assailed by the darts of the world?
Have you seen its strong leap, like a giant from sleep,
And its strokes in the glimmering dawn,
When assailed its cause or its revered laws,
And the battle—the battle is on?

Oh! a wonderful Star is the Eastern Star,
As shining as ever was seen;
With its Adah and Ruth, and its lessons of truth
And its Esther, superb and serene.
Oh! a meaningful Star is the Eastern Star,
In the glow of its radiant sheen,
With its Martha's fair deeds, and Eleuter's brave deeds,
And the faith of the Nazarene.

THE PARTED WAYS.

In every young life there comes a time when it must choose between the right way and the wrong, between self-conquest and self-surrender. The path has been more or less shielded, until now; the youth has been led onward, hedged in by family habits, neighborhood environments, the school and the church. Within these limitations the character has expanded as best it might. It may be dwarfed, cramped, stunted, or enriched and unfolded; still its inherent characteristics cannot be wholly pruned or cultivated away. Under all conditions the native bent remains.

One day, however, the son or the daughter leaves home or assumes within it that independent position which marks the end of pupilage. The natural powers blossom and send out twigs this way and that. Then, and then only, may be known what are the quality of its life forces and the energy which pushes them into activity.

In how many cases are friends and neighbors bitterly disappointed in the career of the young man and woman of exceptionally fine powers, and what is generally known as good culture! They fritter away life, scarcely knowing its real meaning. He drags away the years in a petty clerkship, or speculates and gets a living in all sorts of shady ways. She dawdles about at home in a nerveless, self-indulgent manner, until marriage gives to the world one moreslatternly, unambitious, weak wife and mother. Yet both started in their careers under the best auspices.

What is the secret of these failures?

Simply because, in both cases, parents failed to measure their responsibilities. They had no real estimate of life. Consequently their children are reared in those habits which invigorate everything which gives strength, energy and self-mastery; noble possibilities are nipped in the bud. That life-blood which should flow through the veins with vigor and power, dwindles into a puny, driveling stream. If they become fathers and mothers, it is to a weak, truckling offspring.

The trouble is that parental love is unguided by wisdom. No other affection in man's bosom is so strong as that for his offspring; yet, strange to say, he takes into account more the pleasure of the child than his good. Forgetting the wondrous and awful dower of immortality, he ardently desires that his sons and daughters may have a "good time" now. Never mind what is best for the adult, let "my son" and "my daughter" have their fill of today's evanescent pleasures. "The future will take care of itself. I want them to have a better time than I had at their age. I had to work, to obey, when I was young. I had to rise betimes and attend to certain duties; my children shall take their ease. Time enough for duties when they are grown."

And so the pendulum swings to the other extreme from that of Puritanical repression. Indulgence is the only watch-word, pleasure the only aim.

All this would cease to be passing strange were it confined to atheists or even agnostics. Were there no future life one might be pardoned in trying to make the most of this, though it is unreasonable to suppose that "the most" consists in even a high order of animal indulgence. Were this earth all we can know of the conditions of existence, let us at least know the best and the highest, and these are co-incident with self-restraint. The clearest brain, the soundest body, are necessary for the purest enjoyment.

But let us reverently give thanks for the same!—the glory of life eternal, forever and ever unfolding in love, wisdom and worship, is within our reach. Shall we not start our children in such a manner that they will be fitted to enter on that pathway? And is that a path of mere self-indulgence?

That is, rather a pathway of cruelty under the semblance of ease. No life of asceticism is here inculcated, no self-denial merely for its own sake. But in a large, noble, aspiring way, let us teach the little ones whom God has lent us, that life involves wondrous and beautiful possibilities. Let us show them that to attain the highest and best within our power it is first necessary to have self-control, self-discipline, self-reverence. That generous self-forgetfulness which merges the individual and local in the general and universal can be instilled in the home-circle as it can be nowhere else. And in so doing is the

best and only safeguard against temptations, including that which leads to intemperance.—Exchange.

THE SLANDERER.

[To be read in a solemn voice in a few of the lodges where fraternity is dealt out in great large chunks.]

Against slander there is no defense. It starts with a word—with a nod—with a shrug—with a look—a smile. It is pestilence walking into darkness, spreading contagion far and wide which the most wary traveller can not avoid; it is the heart-searching dagger of the dark assassin; it is the poisoned arrow whose wounds are incurable; it is the mortal sting of the deadly adder; murder its employment, innocence its prey and ruin its sport. The man who breaks into my dwelling, or meets me on the public road and robs me of my property, does me injury. He stops me on the way to wealth, strips me of my hard-earned savings, involves me in difficulty, and brings my family to penury and want. But he does me an injury that can be repaired. Industry and economy may again bring me into circumstances of ease and influence. The man who, coming at the midnight hour, fires my dwelling, does me an injury—he burns my roof, my pillow, my raiment, my very shelter from the storm and tempest; but he does me an injury that can be repaired. The storm may indeed beat upon me, and chilling blasts assail me, but charity will receive me into her dwelling; will give me food to eat and raiment to put on; will timely assist me, raising a new roof over the ashes of the old, and I shall again sit by my own fireside and taste the sweets of friendship and of home. But the man who circulates false reports concerning my character, who exposes every act of my life which may be presented to my disadvantage, who goes first to this, then to that, individual, tells them he is very tender of my reputation, enjoins upon them the strictest secrecy and then fills their ears with hearsays and rumors, and what is worse, leaves them to dwell upon the hints and suggestions of his own busy imagination—the man who thus "filches from me my good name" does me an injury which neither industry, nor charity, nor time itself can repair.—Exchange.

As long as men are human, personal differences will arise between them. The laws of the church or the religion of God cannot prevent this, then why should Masonry, which is clearly an institution of man? That Masons are slower to engage in personalities than other men is equally true, and when, occasionally, they so forget themselves as to wound a brother's feelings, they should be quick to make reparation and forgive, and when their troubles are settled this should be an end of it. To prosecute it further is to violate faith, outrage decency and write yourself down an ingrate, especially so if you hide yourself behind the assassin's weapon—anonymous letters!—Bun F. Price.

SOME EASTERN STAR FACTS.

It is reasonable to suppose that members of the Masonic fraternity should seek to know what the Eastern Star is—its extent and usefulness. Years ago, when Masonic journals had no room for Eastern Star literature, we did not wonder that ignorance of our objects and aims should bring out some unfavorable comment. In this day of advancement and standing, with four journals published by sisters, and devoted entirely to the good and welfare of the Order, we do open our eyes in wonder, at some of the writings of men. Nearly every periodical published devotes a corner to Eastern Star news.

There are now twenty-five thousand members of the Eastern Star, in two thousand, five hundred Chapters, located in different parts of the United States, from Maine to New Mexico and Florida to California. That this grand army of men and women, pledged to convictions of right and duty, obedience to the demands of honor and justice, fidelity to kindred and friends, hope of immortal life, endurance of the wrongs of persecution and co-workers with the Masonic brother in giving practical effect to the beneficent purpose of Free Masonry, which is to provide for the wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter of Master Masons, and share with him in promulgating the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth—that this grand army should fail to demonstrate its usefulness is a libel upon the Order and we are loath to believe it. In all States where Masonic homes are located the Eastern Star is doing a good work. Note the following from the Worshipful Master of Chapman Lodge, No 2: "It affords me pleasure to say to you that we claim the honor of having the banner Chapter of the Eastern Star in this territory. After the completion of the first Masonic Temple of New Mexico, our Ransford Chapter, O. E. S., arranged a fair and cleared over \$1,300—which was applied to the furnishing of our beautiful Temple, where our Chapter finds a home."

The infant Grand Chapter, that of the District of Columbia, although only organized last April, is alive to the practical side, and is already considering a movement to establish a home for members of the Order and for Masonic widows.

As far back as 1879, when it was our privilege to be Grand Matron of Illinois, we advanced the argument, that an organization boasting of our possibilities should die, unless it had an objective motion of organization and from our experience in society work, we are of the same opinion still. If we live until the twenty-fourth of June, 1897, we shall realize the full fruition of our hopes for the Order in Illinois and witness the dedication of our Home at Macon. It is ten miles from Decatur, centrally located, with forty one acres of ground and a comfortable house that will accommodate forty inmates; about half the ground is under cultivation with all kinds of small fruits. Illinois has eighteen thousand mem-

bers, and, with a per capita tax of twenty-five cents, we can make all necessary repairs and improvements, and in five years time, build such additions as are needed. Four applicants are ready now, all widows of Masons, and not members of the Eastern Star. We predict great avenues of usefulness for the Eastern Star in the future, and admonishing each member to keep in full sight the object for which we found organization, and above all to practice what we preach.

We do merit criticism and probably it makes us more watchful and earnest, for somewhere we have read to "look out for our friends" our enemies are easily vanquished. We give the following from the representative of Colorado, who attended every session of the General Grand Chapter, which convened in Boston in 1895, and was taken from their Proceedings 1896, pages twenty-twenty-two:

"The session was the most successful of any ever held. Harmony has been restored throughout its entire jurisdiction, the largest number of delegates were present, and the most states were represented.

"The treasury is in a most prosperous condition. Through the competent management of its finances, the General Grand Chapter, after paying all expenses of the session and the appropriations, had a large balance remaining. Since my return I have been asked if I considered the General Grand Chapter any benefit to the Order.

"From my observation I have arrived at the following conclusion: The General Grand Chapter is systematically extending the Order into every part of the United States, and there are inquiries from abroad.

"The ritual adopted by it is used in every state but one—viz: New York. The secret work is the same, thus making a uniform ceremony throughout its jurisdiction. Before this was accomplished one Chapter could scarcely recognize another, the work varying so much. The triennial sessions dignify and extend the Order, and should be of great assistance to its members from the interchange of ideas.

"The Order of the Eastern Star has, since the organization of the General Grand Chapter, grown from an unrecognized handful of determined workers into the most powerful organization of women in the world, and promises to double its members in the next three years.

"It is rapidly becoming a recognized auxiliary to Free Masonry. Notwithstanding years of prejudice and opposition, it is now being acknowledged a valuable assistant to that noble Order in promulgating the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. The Lodges are everywhere opening their doors to us; our former opponents are becoming our warmest advocates. These I consider are some of the results arising from the organization and labors of the General Grand Chapter, and we should continue in touch with this Grand Body."

The above seems to us like a dignified and favorable report, and was not compensation for any preferment to office, as Colorado received nothing (but mileage.) Thanks Sister Pierce—who has since been elected Grand Matron—and while she is the wife of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction—he is only the husband of the Grand Matron.

Somewhere we have read that the first Eastern Star Lodge was organized in December 1866, that was the first one in the state of Michigan. We are a charter member of Miriam family No. 3, O. E. S. organized in Chicago October sixth, 1866, and we are informed by the Master of Clifton Lodge of Clifton, Tennessee, that Acacia family No. 13, O. E. S. was organized in that town in 1861. We return thanks for the many invitations coming to us to be present at installation.

We have only been permitted to attend Miriam, Columbia, Lady Washington, Butler, Siloam and Austin Chapters, and was received with the old time kindness—and flowers, bright flowers being scattered in our pathway, as well as in the pathway of incoming and outgoing officers. Past badges were offerings of "Well done in all cases."

THE EASTERN STAR enters upon its tenth, year of usefulness, as a valuable harbinger of the principles we advocate as an Order and we trust your earnest efforts have been in a measure appreciated in a practical way by a generous support of the members. We feel that every member of the Order of the Eastern Star, should take one at least, of the journals published in our interest. Wishing you much prosperity in all the years to come, but especially may the present one bring you the full measure of what your efforts merit.

Very sincerely yours,

LOKKAINE J. PITKIN.

"We shall meet again." Of all the words to conjure with, these are the most powerful, and help the soul over the rough pass of absence with the firmest and most consoling touch. Nothing equals them for power of comfort—not even the knowledge that the dear absent ones are happy; and, to those who love truly, they work as a charm on a wound. Soothing the pain of the smart, even if it cannot heal it immediately. Seas may be between the loving, and distance may lengthen time into what seems an unbearable extent; but "we shall meet again" sounds like the far-off voice of the watch-dog when the wanderer is lost in the darkness of the pathless moor, or the bewildering depths of the lonely wood. It is a voice that guides him to the safe security of home, and is an earnest of the reward to come when the journey is over.

At night before retiring to your bed ask yourself if you have during the day, performed one single fraternal act—if you have lived the day with charity for all. Remember we are living our lives day by day, and should make the most of each golden hour, for "only to-day is yours."

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Please take notice that notes for the "Gleanings" must be in the office as early as the 20th of the month to insure insertion in the next month's issue. They cannot be set up and made ready at a moment's notice and our columns are non-elastic.

Orders for society or visiting cards will receive prompt attention. Send in your orders.

Agents are wanted in every Chapter to solicit subscribers for THE EASTERN STAR and a liberal commission will be paid.

Sister Rose Crawford, a member of Queen Esther Chapter, and family have returned to this city, we hope for permanent residence.

Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscription has expired and their renewal is earnestly solicited.

THE EASTERN STAR desires to receive items from every Chapter and hopes that the Worthy Matron will appoint some member to send the news regularly.

Brother Conrad will please accept thanks for the calendar and measure. Surely the EASTERN STAR thus provided for should be lined up and always on time.

At the last moment we were compelled to forego our anticipated visit to the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, greatly to our regret. The memory of former visits made us anxious to report the pleasure.

We extend congratulations to Queen Esther Auxiliary upon the success of their portrayal of "The New Woman"—a farce in one act by Sister Carrie F. Bradford—at their entertainments Feb. 16. We understand that they cleared thirty five dollars.

Some of the Sisters evidently forgot that February had but twenty-eight days and that in consequence press day came a little earlier than usual. We are sorry to leave an item over until next month but some have just reached us as we are saying the last things to you before going to press.

THE EASTERN STAR is indebted to the sisters for items, and thanks are also due the sisters who have so kindly added names to the list of subscribers. This kindness is especially appreciated as it is impossible to reach the members except through the kindness of some sister or brother.

We feel like running a supplement again this month because more of our items came just as we were making ready for our trip to the press room. When the month is shortened by two or three days, necessarily we must come to time. Our sisters forgot that February has only twenty-eight days.

In some localities there still exists opposition to the Order by Masons. One cannot account for these things but as in all cases opposition has melted away and favor has taken its place so it will continue to do. Let not your hearts be troubled for the light of the Star of Bethlehem will yet shine in all the darkened places.

Thanks are due Brother W. H. Wakefield, Past Grand Patron of Missouri, for an invitation to the farewell lecture by Dr. Chas. B. Mitchell, under the auspices of Hesperia Chapter, Kansas City, for the benefit of the Masonic Home Chapel Fund. We regret our inability to accept and hope the results of the entertainment were all that could be desired.

Brother L. Mowry, Past Patron of Minneapolis Chapter, Minn., is also Supreme Patron of the Order of the Amaranth of that jurisdiction. We read with pleasure his address at the installation of the officers of Mistletoe Court, and would be glad to share the pleasure with our readers but lack of space forbids and we have to confine ourselves to items from the O. E. S.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin's son-in-law, Howard Decker, has been for some time a sufferer from an accident received in boyhood, and with his family, a wife and two daughters, will go abroad in search of health. They expect to sail the last of March. The EASTERN STAR wishes them "bon voyage" and earnestly hopes that the search for health may be successful.

Mr. Dan M. Nye, son of our Grand Matron, and Miss Eva E. Martin were married at the home of the bride in Chesterton, Wednesday evening, February 10, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Wright. The young couple will reside in La Porte, where Mr. Nye is the local agent of the American Express company. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother John W. Brown, editor of the Voice of Masonry, in the long continued and very serious illness of his wife. We fully realize what it means to him in every way, and we trust that the explanation he makes in the February number will meet with the generous sympathy and hearty response he has a right to expect from the Masonic fraternity.

Of the one hundred and sixty-nine Chapters in Indiana, eight have not yet reported. The law says that the returns shall be in the hands of the Grand Secretary by the first of February and that the Grand Chapter dues shall be paid before March first. It is in most cases just as easy to make the report at the proper time as to postpone and it is infinitely easier to the one having these matters in charge.

An invitation from Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mary E. Partridge, to attend the party given by Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, California, has been received, and we would be only too glad to accept and enjoy the pleasure of meeting old friends and making new ones. If it were as easy to transfer one's body as one's thoughts from place to place, we should be in evidence on that occasion, but since this is not yet possible we can only return thanks for the remembrance and wish all an enjoyable evening.

"The world does move, nevertheless!" It is such slow moving, however, that only once in a while do we see what progress has been made; but when Dwight L. Moody can stand up in Tremont Temple, Boston, and say: "Now, I want to say to you wives, if you know that your husbands are living impure lives, get a divorce. A man has no business to be living in impurity and expect his wife to live with him,"—it is evidence that moral improvement is gaining ground and the cause of right and justice advancing.

Sister Maria A. Maynard, Press Correspondent and Past Worthy Matron of Dallas Chapter, Texas, was re-elected Lady Commander of Dallas Hive, order of the Ladies of the Maccabees for the coming year. In this order she does not shine alone, for the Record keeper of Dallas Hive, the State Commander and the Supreme Commander, are "Stars" from Dallas Chapter. We are always glad when our sisters succeed in any line of work for the elevation and interests of women, and extend congratulations to those who have been called to labor.

By all means let us have it! What? The "National freight and passenger post." To be able to go or send freight across the continent at a charge no greater than is now paid to the nearest station, beyond the starting point would work as great a revolution in transportation and travel as did Rowland Hill's penny post in the mail service. Our postal system is based on the same principle and is a success; let us have the other, and there will be fewer people who go to Europe without having seen Niagara Falls or Yellowstone Park.

Among the several works left by Robert Louis Stevenson unpublished at his death, undoubtedly the one of completest and widest interest is a romance entitled "St. Ives." Those who have read it, say it is a straight-away, honest tale of adventure, related in Stevenson's most spirited and charming vein. It is a love story, and records, in particular, the exploits of a very cool, audacious, attractive French soldier who becomes a prisoner of war in Edinburgh Castle. The exclusive right of serial publication of "St. Ives" for America, was purchased soon after Stevenson's death by McClure's Magazine, and the publication will begin in the March number of that periodical.

The Mother's Congress, now in session at Washington, D. C., is one of the many notable gatherings of women, in these days of general awakening, and will no doubt be most useful in arousing the interest of many who do not yet seem to realize the importance of women's personal freedom of action in the maternal relation. We hope later to be able to give a report of the meetings and in the meantime call special attention to the words of Mrs. Helen H. Gardiner. We cannot fail to note the attitude of the secular press in several places, whose sneering comments on this Congress give unmistakable proof that all their fine speeches to and of women are simply "words—words," and cover an utter lack of real respect for all womankind.

We heartily endorse the following from Sister Johnson, P. G. M., of Minnesota, as we

are sincere believers in the impressiveness of our ceremonies, when well rendered:

I am confident that beneficial results are in store for many Chapters, the effect of the installation ceremony of our Order, upon persons not members, invariably being favorable. Personally, I know of one Chapter that received at its first regular meeting, after the public installation, eight petitions for degrees, the petitioners in every case making a statement somewhat to this effect: "After listening to your installation ceremony I decided I would like to be a member of the Order." I am not endeavoring to advance the idea that rapid increase in membership is the greatest good that can come to a Chapter, but from observation and experience I am led to believe, that in a Chapter where new members are received at every meeting, peace and harmony is more apt to prevail—the attention and thought of the membership being occupied. I have also observed that it is a most excellent plan, not only to welcome the new members, but to interest them by at once assigning them some duty to perform.

"Bid each one welcome to a share in our pleasures, cause her to feel she's one of our treasures. Ask her to share in our duties and work. For it is those who labor and who do not shirk. That find in our Order these virtues rare That render it worthy the Masons' help and care."

There is a disease which is prevalent in many Chapters, and it is most disastrous to peace and harmony. When once it gets a foothold it requires prompt action and very decided measures to uproot it. One member afflicted with this disease can set a whole Chapter writhing with the spirit of discontent and however much those who see the storm brewing try to avert its consequences, it is bound to come. It is the loathsome disease of tale bearing. It is like the serpent in its ways, coming to one under the guise of friendship and dropping poison in the ear, having rolled it under the tongue like a sweet morsel and fashioned it according to its distorted ideas, and then when it sees its unwary victim responding to its attack it is most happy in being able to bear back a message, for the old adage is true that "the dog that brings a bone will carry one." What shall be done to rid ourselves of this monster? Some times it seems almost pardonable to make this a part of the Chapter business and if it were openly attacked its chances for a long stay would be materially lessened. At least let every one turn their face against one who comes to them laden with the hearsays and remember that they are not only encouraging a wrong in another but sacrificing their own conscience, for he who listens is next to he who tells.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

A firm faith is the best divinity; a good life the best philosophy; a clear conscience the best law; honesty the best policy, and temperance the best physic.

Some one asked Max Nordau to define the difference between genius and insanity. "Well," said he, "the lunatic is at least sure of his board and clothes."

That was a clever, if a rude reply that the small street urchin gave the gentleman when the latter asked him if he could direct him to the Bank of England. "No, sir; do you take me for a bank director?"

Emerson's words might be quoted in the arguments pro and con the liberty of spending one's money as one chooses. He says, "They should own who can administer; not they who hoard and conceal; not they who, the greater proprietors they are, are only the greater beggars, but they whose work carves out work for more, opens a path for all."

Beds are quite an innovation in Russia and many well-to-do houses are still unprovided with them. Peasants sleep on the top of their ovens. Middle class people and servants roll themselves up in the sheepskins and lie down near the stoves. Soldiers rest upon wooden cots without bedding, and it is only within the last few years that students in schools have been allowed beds.

There are but two European potentates who manage to get along without change of residence. These are the pope of Rome and the sultan of Turkey. The sultan has never left Constantinople since he ascended the throne in such tragic circumstances nineteen years ago, and his holiness has remained within the precincts of the Vatican since the triple tiara was placed upon his head.

Chatterbox tells this pretty story of a small friend of Longfellow's: A little boy, of whom Longfellow was very fond, often came to see him. One day the child looked earnestly at the long rows of books in the library, and at length said, "Have you got 'Jack, the Giant Killer?'" Longfellow was obliged to confess that his library did not contain that venerated volume. The little boy looked very sorry, and presently he slipped down from his knee and went away; but early the next morning the poet saw him coming up the walk with something tightly clasped in his little fist. The child had brought him two cents with which he was to buy a "Jack, the Giant Killer," to be his own.

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GLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Dec. 29, Greenwood Chapter and Lodge installed their officers. R. R. Lewis, G. P., of Mansfield, officiating for them. After the work was done a banquet was served, and it was fine. At their meeting Feb. 2, four petitions were received and four candidates were initiated.

Huntington Chapter re-elected their officers Dec. 14 and held a public and joint installation with Huntington Lodge, Dec. 28. Four members of Greenwood Chapter came over, among them Sister Neal, D. D. G. M., who served as installing officer, and did her work well. It was a lovely night and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

CALIFORNIA.

Oak Leaf Chapter entertained its visitors and members on Thursday evening, Jan. 2, with a number of very elaborate tableaux from Shakespeare. Only members of the Chapter participated in the tableaux, all being perfectly and magnificently costumed. Great praise and credit is due those taking part for their willing spirit and enthusiasm in making the affair a grand success. The gentlemen who impersonated several different characters are to be complimented on their rapid changing of costume, thereby causing no delay. Those who attended were well repaid for braving the inclemency of the weather. The closing tableau (which was original and appropriate) was called "Queen of the Eastern Star," and was represented by Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, M. W. G. M. of the Grand Chapter of the United States. The following cast the characters, posed and staged the tableaux: Chairman, Mrs. Charles L. Pierce; Mrs. A. I. Smith and Mrs. Sabin. To close a pleasant evening all adjourned to the banquet hall.

COLORADO.

Radiant Chapter, Denver, has elected and installed the following officers for the year 1897. Cynthia Reed, W. M.; Donald Campbell, W. P.; Elizabeth Hall, A. M.; C. J. Simpson, Sec.; E. E. Hamilton, Treas.; Dora V. Snyder, Con.; Ella J. Tate, A. C. A public installation took place Dec. 23, in the presence of about 400 guests; a social good time was enjoyed by all present, after which refreshments were served and at a late hour all retired. Radiant Chapter can boast now of having the largest number of members in the state—182—and new members being added at each meeting. It is also the home Chapter of our Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, whose presence would spread sunshine in any Chapter.

Glen Eyrie Chapter, Colorado City, installed officers at Masonic Hall, Jan. 14. Sister Steward, W. M.; J. W. Neiswinter, W. P.; Margaret Kissell, A. M.; Sister Reed, Sec.; Jennie George, Treas.; Lina Neiswinter, Con.;

Hattie L. Stevens, A. C. Mrs. Mary A. Potter, P. G. M., did the installing which certainly did credit to her, as well as to all present, for she carries with her that true air of a genuine Eastern Star, wherever she goes. A stranger finds something in that warm hand shake that causes all who know her to love her. Brother George Greenfield, our present G. P., favored us with a recitation which was well rendered and called forth applause. The sisters looked very charming in their new robes and did the work very beautifully without the aid of the ritual. Five sisters from Ramona Chapter, Colorado Springs, were announced as desiring admission; the Warder was instructed to admit them, when about 45 members from that Chapter entered. The W. M. with perfect self-control resumed her work after all had been carefully seated. With the Grand Patron at her left and Past Grand Matron at her right hand, the work of installing began, at the close of which refreshments were served. Mr. Landis and myself represented Radiant Chapter, Denver, on this occasion, and it afforded us great pleasure to be able to make the acquaintance of so many lovely people. We are sorry to note that one of their members could not be present on account of sickness, Sister Love having been afflicted some months with cancer. We hope for her a speedy recovery. Brother Baker had a very narrow escape from being killed some weeks ago, slipped and fell from his train; is reported as slowly recovering.

A. H. L.

IDAHO.

Queen Esther Chapter, Coeur D'Alene, has been organized one brief year this month. Its progress has been demonstrated by the regular attendance of each member and the faithful work of its officers. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mary Mason, W. M.; T. H. Wilson, W. P.; Frances Rollins, A. M.; May Snider, Con.; Jessie Hackett, A. C.; Herman Kuch, Sec.; Charles Clayton, Treas. The Chapter now has a membership of forty and one to be initiated at our next meeting. It is with sorrow that we are soon to part with one of our best members. Sister Briston will leave about the first of March for a new home in British Columbia. She has been a true member, a faithful worker, and is a very sweet singer; we will miss her, but hope she will always retain a fond remembrance in her heart for each and every member of Queen Esther Chapter, for there is no word as hard to say as the word "Farewell." We hope our next meeting will take place in our new hall, which is now receiving the finishing touches. It is the property of an incorporated company composed of the local lodges of Masons, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Knights of Pythias. The interior decorations are light brown, medium brown and cream color, making a beautiful blending of colors. The first floor—which is

30x72 feet—will be used as an auditorium and will comfortably seat 300 people. The second floor is arranged especially for lodge work and gives the secret orders one of the finest and most convenient homes in the state of Idaho. From the balcony we have a magnificent view of beautiful Lake Coeur D'Alene, one of the most famous lakes in the glorious northwest. N. E. C.

INDIANA.

Wayne Chapter, Centreville, is in a very prosperous condition, with prospects of an increase in membership in the near future. Perfect harmony prevails, but their hearts are made sad by the fact that one of their members is very ill, and their beloved W. M. is in St. Stephen's Hospital for treatment.

A new Chapter, O. E. S., was organized at Veedersburg, Feb. 2, by Bro. Geo. W. Markley. He was accompanied by thirty-four members from Crawfordsville. They were delightfully entertained. The work was exemplified in the afternoon; in the evening Athens Chapter gave the Floral Work, stereopticon views, recitations, etc., for the entertainment of the new Chapter. Twenty-nine took the obligation. Mrs. Roe is W. M.; Chas. Berry, W. P.

Petersburg Chapter's meeting in Jan. was largely attended by both members and officers, every new officer being present, with the exception of Electa, who was detained on account of sickness. If "well begun is half done," then we are assured of a prosperous year, as our officers entered upon their duties without the aid of rituals and are prepared for any work that may fall to their lot to perform. One petition was received, which promises work for the near future. L. T. H.

The Ladies' Afternoon Society of Shiloh Chapter, Ft. Wayne, entertained their friends with a valentine party Feb. 15, at the home of Mrs. Perry Zimmerman. The event was the occasion of much merriment, as the invitations required the recipients to dress in accordance with the valentine enclosed. The invitations were to be presented at the door and a fine of five cents collected if the costume did not correspond. Masks to be removed at 10 o'clock and prizes given for the best lady's and gentleman's costume. Many decidedly novel costumes were worn, and afforded endless amusement for those present. Sixty-five guests enjoyed themselves until a late hour. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock.

The Grand Matron, Jennie T. Nye, paid her official visit to Queen Esther Chapter, Feb. 5. Naomi Chapter was also a guest. There were also visitors from Lois, Rocky Dale, Wabash, Knightstown, Magnolia and Faith Chapters, Ind., and Effingham, Ill. One candidate was received and the work was exceedingly well rendered. It was the first work of the new officers and they received generous compliments which were well merited. Remarks

were made by the Grand Matron and others. The W. P., on behalf of the officers, presented the Grand Matron with a very pretty jelly spoon as a souvenir of the occasion, which she received with thanks. Following the close of the Chapter all adjourned to the Grand Lodge Hall, where tables were set and an appetizing lunch was served.

Hope Chapter, Lafayette, starts in the year with bright prospects ahead. Harmony reigns supreme. The social features which were introduced at the beginning of the present year have been no light factor in bringing about profitable and enjoyable meetings. Two candidates were elected to receive the degrees at the stated meeting, Feb. 15. The members whose names commenced with the letters G to J inclusive, under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. C. Flint, amused the members with a very unique entertainment in which there were some star performers. Honors were evenly divided but when it came to dividing the cake all the members were equal. Several quartettes were pleasingly rendered, and all present went home with their minds made up that nothing but sickness would prevent their attendance at the next meeting.

Queen Esther Auxiliary, Indianapolis, gave a very successful and enjoyable entertainment Tuesday evening, Feb. 16. They presented "The New Woman," as she appears in the Senate Chamber of the U. S. in 1906, (according to the idea of Sister Bradford—who wrote the farce) and made some very good hits, the question before them being a "bill for re-establishing male suffrage." California was represented by a Chinese, Alabama and South Carolina by colored sisters; and an interpolation of the text, which created much merriment, was the presentation of a huge bouquet of paper flowers, bearing a large heart-shaped, brown paste-board card inscribed: "Senator Moulton, of South Carolina, from her constituents." The only adverse comment on the farce we heard was that it "was not long enough." Dancing was the next order; the Grand March was led by the senators; and a program of fifteen numbers followed. Coffee and doughnuts, ice cream and cake were served at the usual prices.

The official visitation of the Grand Matron to Naomi Chapter occurred Feb. 12 and was an occasion of much pleasure. At the proper time Sister Nye, G. M., and Sister McGrew, P. G. M., were escorted to the East and saluted with the Grand Honors. Sister Holderman and Bro. Ed. Barrows, W. M. and W. P. of Queen Esther Chapter, Sister Brownback, G. Adah and W. M. of Pendleton Chapter and Sister Smythe, G. Cond. were seated in the East. Two petitioners were elected to receive the degrees and three candidates were initiated. After recess Sister Ransford, P. M. W. G. M., and present G. Sec., was escorted to the East and saluted with the Grand Honors. The work was well done by all who took

part and merited the many words of commendation spoken by the visiting officers and members. Visitors were present from the Chapters at Pendleton, Marion, Knightstown, Moore's Hill, Williamsport, Clark's Hill, Wabash, and about sixty of Queen Esther's members accepted Naomi's invitation. Doughnuts, coffee, cheese, and corn fritters were served and carnations as favors. The Grand Matron was presented with a beautiful bouquet. B.

Dec. 3, Forest Chapter, Butler, held a special meeting for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon six candidates, also for the reception of the Grand Matron and invited guests from Noble Chapter, Kendallville, Waterloo and Angola Chapters. The W. M. invited Waterloo Chapter to confer the degrees upon two of the candidates, which they did in a very beautiful and impressive manner, and their lovely new robes showed to advantage. Noble Chapter then conferred the degrees upon two candidates, in fine style, arrayed in white. Forest Chapter then took the chairs and initiated the last two candidates in a graceful manner; after which Noble Chapter gave the Floral Work very nicely. Grand Matron Nye made some very appropriate remarks; Sisters Aldrich and Lane each sang a lovely solo, then refreshments were served and a general good time had until train time. The Grand Matron was the guest of Sister Carrie Fanning, while in the city. Dec. 22, Forest Chapter elected as officers Alice Boyle, W. M.; F. W. Fanning, W. P.; Almira Rowe, A. M.; Carrie Fanning, Sec. Anna Kinney, Treas.; Grace Lister, Con.; Jessie Fosdick, A. C.

After their annual meeting, Prairieton Chapter, held a joint and public installation, and the usual good dinner that goes with the occasion, was served. It held its first regular meeting for this year on Jan. 27, finished installing officers, the W. P. and A. M. not being present on the day set for that work, then received five petitions. The new officers were delighted to begin work in such good earnest.

Though it is only two years since we were organized, the shadow of death has entered our circle and called the second one of our charter members. Jan. 8, all that was mortal of our sister, Sarah E. Reynolds, was laid to rest. She was Prairieton Chapter's first A. M., and was re-elected. She also held a high position in the Degree of Honor and W. R. C. but during the last year she was deprived of the privilege of meeting with any of us; she loved to work in the Orders and was an earnest and faithful church member. Her suffering was beyond description but she was patient. The W. R. C. rendered their funeral services at the church, the Chapters using theirs at the grave. Flowers were many and beautiful; how appropriate they are! They seem to be the only thing one can offer that will blend with the divine spirit in comfort. The husband and kind sister, who left her home and spent day and night doing all she could to help ease her pain, have our deepest sympathy.

Radiant Chapter, Noblesville, gave its first social Feb. 9; it was a success financially and otherwise, and was in charge of ladies who wore star-shaped caps and aprons, patterned after the quaint little fancy work aprons, and made of the Star colors. A pleasing and interesting musical and literary program was rendered, after which the company was invited to the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with ribbons, cut flowers, etc., in the five colors. A menu card bearing mysteriously named articles was presented each one, who studiously began the task of interpreting the same, five minutes being given for the work. A pretty Star calendar was presented the lady who interpreted the card correctly, while the gentleman who frankly acknowledged that the whole thing was incomprehensible to him received the chestnuts tied with the colors. Refreshments as follows were served:

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The favors were small Stars of dainty colored cardboard, tied with colored silk cords. The first anniversary will be celebrated Mar. 16. The Chapter is progressing nicely; with efficient officers and the united efforts of its members the outlook for a successful year is encouraging. Three candidates were initiated and one petition presented at the last meeting.

KANSAS.

Beulah Chapter, Topeka, closed a successful year with their annual banquet. About 300 persons enjoyed the good things and witnessed the installation ceremonies. This is the largest Chapter in the State. Mrs. Bessie Wellman is W. M.; Mrs. Julia Gordon, Sec.

Mrs. Ellen A. Kenner, G. M., of Girard, has visited a number of Chapters in the south and east part of the State recently. They are generally in a flourishing condition. One, Prosperity, had not held a meeting in many months, but after a visit from the G. M. and some good instruction, interest in the work has been revived and Prosperity is now expected to prosper.

The Grand Patron reports Chapters U. D., at Anthony, Lucas, Hoyt, Greensburg, Coyville, Westphalia, Norwich, Williamsburg, Moline, Ellinwood and Glasco, which represent a charter membership of 210; he also has petitions at Rossville and Marion, with several more that have signified their intention to petition for dispensations. He has limited all dispensations to April 1, to give secretaries ample time to make up a transcript of their proceedings and afford the G. S. and committees time to make reports. The G. C. opens May 12, next.

Monday evening, Jan. 18, in company with Sister McClamrock, P. M., of Columbia Chapter, Howard, I visited Flint Hill Chapter, Grenold. This Chapter is not quite a year old

but they do good work and all seem much interested. They start the new year with bright prospects. Tuesday evening Jan. 19, assisted by officers from Columbia and Flint Hill Chapters, instituted Neptune Chapter, U. D. at Moline with eighteen charter members. Mrs. Louie Hannum, W. M.; Bro. Chas. T. Nixon, W. P.; Mrs. Sadie B. Smethers, A. M.; Bro. William Lemaster, Sec. At the close of the work a banquet was served by the sisters of the new Chapter and a merry time was enjoyed by all. The next day went to Elk City and convened Prosperity Chapter, who had not met in regular session for two years. After a talk with the few interested members present they decided to "Hold the Fort," and "Try, try again." I granted special dispensation to elect officers out of time, which they did. I then installed them, Sister Baker, P. M., of Prosperity Chapter, assisting as G. Mars.; and gave them such instruction as they seemed to need. I feel encouraged for this Chapter as they seemed very determined not to surrender their charter.

ELLEN A. KENNER, G. M.

MISSOURI.

Venus Chapter, St. Louis, had an entertainment Jan. 29 which netted a neat sum. The children of our Masonic Home, which will share in the proceeds, furnished part of the program. They came in on electric cars over ten miles and seemed to enjoy this diversion. Dr. and Mrs. Leftwich, Supt. and Matron, accompanied their happy family, many of whom display vocal and histrionic talent. They have become quite proficient in their Silver Hoop Drill. We are pleased to welcome Jennie Reubsam, P. Sec., now Mrs. Ward P. Stewart, of Chicago, for a short visit. She has returned to her new home and we hope she may find many friends in the Masonic Circles.

In the organization of Barbee Chapter the beneficent work of Masonry in linking the Eastern Star with our Blue Lodges is evident, and has created a social relation among members of the Order. The officers are quite proficient in their work, especially Sister Baker as Adah and Sister Bonnemann, their Conductress. This Chapter initiated four candidates Feb. 16. Bro. E. V. Tuttle, W. P., of Bellefontaine, presided. This was his first service, and his rendition was earnest and perfect. Sister Gillespie, G. Chap., filled Esther's chair. The W. M.'s of each Chapter, except Venus, were present. Sister Baldwin, P. M., represented that Chapter. Sister Humphrey, W. M. of Barbee, invited all visitors to make a few remarks. The evening passed pleasantly. Refreshments were served.

Members of Venus had the pleasure of assisting in organizing a Chapter at Hillsboro. The trip was made by rail, save about twenty miles by stage. "The iron horse" has not found its way over these hills. Cora B. McPherson, P. and D. G. M., presided, assisted by Sister Baldwin and Sister Dillon, G. Sec.

This Chapter promises well. Twenty-five charter members and seven petitions were received.

Feb. 15, Sister McPherson visited De Soto Chapter for a "School of Instruction;" a candidate was ready. The officers showed much earnestness and required very little advice. They are not far behind their older sisters. Sister Wm. J. Edy is W. M. The members are preparing to entertain De Soto and vicinity in a "Lady Minstrel" performance.

Dillon Chapter, Blackwell, organized about three years ago, is quite progressive. Cupid has been busy among them and sixteen weddings are reported. Fannie Welch is W. M.

Feb. 11, Venus elected three and initiated one candidate; Sister Scheafer, W. M., exhibits great earnestness in her work.

Much fraternal visiting is enjoyed between our six Chapters, our magnificent car facilities making it pleasantly possible.

In my last letter I sent you Harmony's invitation to reception and installation. You failed to credit Kansas City. They have Harmony, Hesperia, Golden Gate and Orient of Independence; St. Louis has Tuscan, Bellefontaine, Venus, Occidental, Barbee and Anchor.

GRAND TREASURER.

MINNESOTA.

The officers of St. Paul Chapter were duly installed at Masonic Temple Jan. 7. Mrs. Mary J. Ainey is W. M.; Frank Vandyne, W. P.; Mrs. Frank Vandyne, A. M.; Mrs. Eunice Quick, Sec.; Mrs. E. R. Spindler, Treas.; Mrs. William McLellan, Con.; Mrs. Kahoon, A. C. Installation was followed by an elaborate musical program which was highly appreciated by the large audience present. Jan. 8, being our regular meeting night, Braden Hall (our regular place of meeting) was well filled and the friends witnessed the new officers officiate for the first time, which they did creditably. Several candidates were elected for the degrees, and the W. M. appointed several committees. A special meeting was called by Sister McGindley, G. M., for Jan. 26. A large attendance was the result. The work was exemplified, and highly commended by the G. W. M., noting that not a ritual was to be seen. The A. G. P. also gave a short address of interest. Refreshments were served and everyone gave evidence of being happy and of desiring to keep in practice. Feb. 12, a regular session of the Chapter found the Hall packed. Much business was transacted, a part of which was the reading of twelve petitions for membership. These, together with several ready for initiation, will give work for the Chapter for some time to come. We cordially invite all members of the Order to meet with us. And be assured you will be cordially and heartily made welcome.

J. W. B.

The installation ceremonies of Minneapolis Chapter were conducted by Louise Lyon Johnson, P. G. M., assisted by Estelle Fuller, G. Con., as Mars., and Chas. D. Boyce as

Chap., Jan. 5. Fully 500 people were present invitations having been sent to all the O. E. S. Chapters in the Twin Cities and to the Masonic fraternities and friends. The formation of the "Ribbon Star" by ten of the newly installed officers, the march of the Revolving Star, and the placing of the Floral Star by the five sisters who represent the five points of the star, combined to make the occasion a success, and met with enthusiastic appreciation from the audience. Before the installation ceremonies Sister Johnson (by request) delivered an address on the "Origin, Development and Merits of the Order of the Eastern Star," closing with some items of interest relating to Minneapolis Chapter in particular, and finally presenting Virginia L. Flint, the retiring W. M., with a handsome P. M.'s jewel on behalf of the Chapter. The following are the closing paragraphs of the address.

The statistical table in the published Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Minn., 1896, records 110 chartered Chapters and a membership of 5965; in other words the membership of the Eastern Star in Minn. exceeds $\frac{1}{2}$ of the membership of the "Blue Lodges" of this Jurisdiction, while there are more than $\frac{1}{2}$ as many Eastern Star Chapters as Masonic Lodges, the largest Chapter being Minneapolis, which was organized 22 years ago last August. Six yet remain to us of the charter members: John Noble, P. G. P. and his estimable wife, who for 14 consecutive years was Treas., and who at our recent election was unanimously re-elected, but declined to serve; Dr. Putnam, first W. P., and much esteemed Bro., and his beloved wife, P. M.; W. H. Jacoby, P. P., and his wife, Louise E., who for three years in the early history served as W. M.; later was elected by the free ballot of the members of the G. C. to occupy the most exalted position in their power to bestow upon a sister. So ably did she discharge the obligations, duties and responsibilities of the office of Grand Matron that not only did the subordinate Chapters present her with a handsome G. M.'s jewel but elected her a second and a third time to preside over the deliberations of the Grand Body; and this evening, after a lapse of seven years, she will again be installed as W. M. of this Chapter.

Then turning to Sister Flint—who with the above mentioned charter members occupied seats in the East—Sister Johnson continued:

Worthy Matron, Sister Flint, Minneapolis Chapter congratulates itself that during the two years just past, it has been presided over by one whose nobility of character, impartial and just rulings, lady-like and dignified manner under all circumstances, and whose "Fidelity to her convictions of right and duty" and to the welfare of her Chapter, has won for her the love and esteem of every loyal member of the Chapter. Sister Flint, Minneapolis Chapter congratulates you that upon your retirement from office notwithstanding some adverse circumstances, you leave the Chapter financially, numerically and socially in the most prosperous condition in its history. It might have been taking an advantage of your well known kindness of heart and willingness to aid others when you were accidentally (?)—on purpose—called out upon such a plea at our last meeting, but it was a necessity that this Chapter might take action upon a matter that under the circumstances was not thought best for the Worthy Matron

to know about, but as a result of that incident, and by the unanimous rising vote of the Chapter, this jewel was procured, which in behalf of Minneapolis Chapter I now present you, as a slight token of our appreciation and love.

Although entirely surprised, Sister Flint responded in a touching and pleasing manner. The present officers include Louise E. Jacoby, W. M.; E. R. Sheppard, W. P.; E. H. Long, A. M., and Sister Rossman, Sec. A musical and literary entertainment of merit closed the enjoyment of the evening.

A. O. G.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, ever faithful to the injunction to "gather here a little and there a little," has gathered on its list of members not only those scattered here and there over this Grand Jurisdiction, but others beyond its boundaries; there are several residing in the city of Lowell, among whom are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Williams. Bethinking themselves how nice a Chapter could be raised in this, "the city of spindles," so prolific in all organizations, Bro. and Sister Williams set about the preliminary work of organization, inviting to their assistance Sister Roxalana Jockow, formerly a member of the Order in Vermont. The result of their labors was the organization of Puritan Chapter, No. 54, which took place in Encampment Hall, Lowell, Friday afternoon and evening, Feb. 5. Of course the mother chapter was called upon to give the first instructions to the new Chapter, and Alice M. Blossom, W. M., with her corps of officers and accompanied by a large number of visitors, 8 chapters being represented, journeyed thither and conferred the degrees upon forty-nine candidates, the work being performed in a manner which won great credit for the officers and honor to the Order, although this was their first work after entering upon the duties of the new year. Amos M. Parker, G. P., was present and presented the dispensation and much good advice. Bro. Noyes, Aso. G. P., was also present. A committee was at the station on their arrival, to welcome the party and escort them to the hall, where all were most cordially received, and each presented with a souvenir badge. After the work of institution, a recess was taken, during which a grand banquet was served. In the evening a further exemplification of the work was given, after which speech-making was the order of the day. One worthy of particular mention was that of the W. P. of Puritan Chapter Bro. Fred. Samuels, who thoroughly disconcerted the hitherto calm W. M. of Keystone by presenting a very beautiful bouquet, with the hope that some day Puritan Chapter would "Blossom" out with the dignity of Keystone. Bro. Williams was master of ceremonies for the occasion, a position which he filled with most becoming dignity. We should be remiss should we close this without especial mention of the work of Sister Annie

D. Perkins, Con., whose composure excelled any we have ever witnessed on such an occasion. It is one thing to manage one candidate; it is vastly another to manage forty-nine. Mrs. Roxalana Jockow, W. M.; Fred. Samuels; W. P.; Mrs. Eliza J. Williams, A. M.; Mrs. Ella J. Blaisdell, Sec.

Two petitions were received by Keystone Chapter, Feb. 9, five candidates were elected and three initiated. A large number of visitors were present. Keystone will celebrate its eleventh anniversary Feb. 23, by a musical entertainment followed by dancing.

Four petitions were received, three candidates elected and four initiated by Mystic Chapter, East Boston, Feb. 1, the work being performed in a very creditable manner. The annual report of this Chapter show a membership of 252, and a balance of \$405 in the treasury.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, initiated three candidates and received two petitions Feb. 1. On the 15, a fine musical and literary entertainment was given.

Two petitions were received and four candidates initiated by Blue Hill Chapter, Hyde Park, Feb. 2. A large number of visitors were present, five Chapters being represented.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, received two petitions and initiated three candidates, Feb. 3. A whist party was enjoyed the 17.

Priscilla Chapter, Reading, initiated one candidate, January 20.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, gave a whist party, Feb. 2, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Richard W. Sutton, P. P., has been chosen Sec. of this Chapter to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sister Addie H. Dale, who took a partner for life and a home by the White Mountains in New Hampshire.

Electa Chapter, Waltham, received two petitions, elected three candidates and initiated three, Feb. 3, the work being very nicely performed, fully maintaining the good reputation hitherto gained by the officers of this Chapter.

A blizzard such as swept along the coast of Massachusetts, Jan. 25, was rarely witnessed in this vicinity, yet all but five of the officers of Crystal Chapter, Malden, succeeded in reaching their hall, this being the evening set apart for their installation. Much time and labor had been expended in preparations for the occasion and entertainment had been provided for 400, hence it was a great disappointment that only about 150 were present. Hannah L. Knowles, D. G. M., was the installing officer, assisted by Frank A. Noyes, A. G. P., Faustina A. Clapp, D. G. Mars., and Mrs. F. O. Nickerson, Chap. The decorations were elaborate and very beautiful. Mrs. Margery E. Welch is W. M.; Arthur Kellough, W. P.; Miss Hannah L. Knowles, Sec.

The officers of Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, were installed Jan. 27, by K. Emily Little, P. M., assisted by Carrie A. Cushing, P. M., Mars., and Mrs. F. O. Nickerson, Chap. A large number were present to witness the

ceremonies, fifteen Chapters and three Grand Jurisdictions being represented. At the close of the ceremonies the Worthy Matron, in very neat speech, presented the installing officer with a very beautiful olive spoon, the Marshal with an orange spoon, and the Chaplain with a bon bon spoon, each of which was received with much pleasure and gratitude. Later, the retiring Worthy Matron, Jennie L. Marston, was presented with a Past Matron's jewel. Speeches were made by Associate Grand Patron Noyes and Past Grand Patron Blossom. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Alice M. Moring is W. M.; George B. Parsons, W. P.; Mrs. Helen A. Atkins, Sec.

R. E. L.

NORTH CAROLINA.

During the first part of Feb. an Eastern Star Chapter was organized at Goldsboro which we hope will be heard from.

NEW JERSEY.

Official visits to the several subordinate Chapters of New Jersey have been appointed to take place as follows: Mecca, U. D., March 11; Germania, March 15; Charlotte, March 19; Esther, March 23; Augusta, April 1; Acacia, April 5; Lucinda, April 13; Caroline, April 21; Miriam, April 27; Radiant, May 5; Martha Washington, May 13; Eureka, May 17; Ruth, May 22; Trinity, May 27; Star of Bethlehem, June 7; Adah, U. D., June 23. All Grand Officers are requested to attend, with jewel of office, and members of Subordinate Chapters are cordially invited. That all may have opportunity to participate in these annual gatherings, Subordinate Chapters are hereby permitted to omit, by vote of the Chapter, the regular sessions coming due upon any of the foregoing dates (excepting their own.) At each session of the Chapter the Secretary will please give announcement of the visits which are to follow. By order of the M. W. G. M.

Mrs. Mary Martin,

R. W. G. S.

NEW YORK.

A few years ago, a certain brother placed upon the altar of our Grand Chapter a five dollar gold piece as a nucleus for an O. E. S. Home. It is a pleasing record that the work progresses very satisfactorily. The fund is rapidly increasing; the home itself is a creation of the near future. The first reception of the season in the interest of the Hall and Home Association was held in Johnston Building, Brooklyn, Feb. 1 and was in every way a success. Socially, it was one of the most pleasant occasions. Financially, it will increase the funds of the association materially. The ladies who composed the committees worked earnestly and feel satisfied with their efforts. The entertainment began with a program of superior excellence and was highly pleasing to the large audience which crowded the large hall to its utmost capacity. Articles of intrinsic value were offered for sale. The committees were decorated with a small five

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